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Dangerous medicines: New reports accuse another drug company of being too slow to pull a dangerous medication from the market and question the ability of the federal Food and Drug Administration to protect the public from such

This time it's Baycol, a cholesterol-lowering medicine that Bayer AG withdrew in 2001 after some people who took it developed a severe and sometimes fatal muscle disorder. A new study found that the risks were far greater than had been believed.

The study concludes that today's top-selling cholesterol-lowering drugs, called statins, are very safe, but could be risky when taken with other drugs called fibrates by older people with diabetes

Robert Blake murder trial: Prospective jurors being interviewed for the Robert Blake murder case were warned that they will have no DNA evidence, no fingerprints and no eyewitnesses and will have to judge the actor entirely on circumstantial evidence.

Jury selection began six days ago and Deputy District Attorney Shellie Samuels has been setting the stage for Blake's trial in Los Angeles that will enter the evidentiary phase Dec. 6.

Samuels has said that there is no way to link Blake to the gun that killed his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, in May 2001.

Political eavesdropping: A federal judge has denied a request by former Virginia House of Delegates Speaker S. Vance Wilkins to be removed from a lawsuit stemming from a Republican eavesdropping scandal

U.S. District Judge James R. Spencer on Monday also denied a request by the state Republican Party to limit the amount it might have to pay in the lawsuit brought by 33 current and former Democratic General Assembly members.

The lawsuit against the GOP, Wilkins, his former chief of staff Claudia D. Tucker, former state GOP executive director Edmund A. Matricardi III, and former state chairman Gary Thomson stems from a 2002 incident in which Matricardi eavesdropped on two Democratic conference calls. He pleaded guilty to felony eavesdropping in 2003

The civil case is scheduled for trial on

Insulting radio host: A Madison, Wis., radio host apologized Monday for calling secretary of state nominee Condolezza. Rice "Aunt Jemima," but refused to back down from his criticism that she is a "black trophy" of the Bush administration.

John "Sly" Sylvester, the program direc-tor and morning personality on WTDY-AM, wrote a letter of apology to local newspapers.

"I'm concerned that I have offended many African-Americans by using a crass term to describe an incompetent, dishonest political appointee of the Bush administra-tion. I apologize," wrote Sylvester, who is white.

Sylvester wrote he would not, however, apologize for criticizing Rice, saying has allowed herself to be used as a black trophy by an administration."

Darfur drought: Sudan's Darfur region, al-ready engulfed in a conflict that has forced



Chinese airliner crash: Rescuers continue their search Monday for the black boxes at the site of a crash of a China Eastern Airlines plane in Baotou, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. The death toll from the crash rose to 55 after the body of a second person killed on the ground was found. Investigators have found no evidence of terrorism or other "man-made destruction" after the plane exploded after takeoff and plunged into an ice-covered lake.

1.8 million people to flee their homes, faces a new threat — a drought that has all but wiped out this year's harvest, the top U.S. aid official says.

Andrew Natsios, head of the U.S. Agency for International Development, said farmers who stayed on their land during the 21-month conflict are now beginning their major harvest, but they're expected to reap just 10 percent to 15 percent of the normal

The estimate by the International Committee of the Red Cross "means an 85 per-cent crop loss," and will be subject to another assessment by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, Natsios said.

Rusiness

Dollar hits new low: The U.S. dollar slid to yet another new low Tuesday against the euro, which rose to \$1.3093 after a weekend meeting of the world's top finance officials failed to send any signal that governments were preparing action to stop the dollar's slide

The European currency broke the previous record of \$1.3074, set Thursday, in early afternoon trading.

Banker banned: Former star technology banker Frank Quattrone, convicted on crimi nal charges of obstructing justice, has been barred from the securities industry for life by regulators for allegedly failing to cooperate in an investigation of his activities.

The National Association of Securities Dealers, the brokerage industry's self-policing group, announced Monday that its National Adjudicatory Council had permanently banned Quattrone from the industry, over-ruling a January decision by a hearing panel to suspend him for only a year.

World

Allegations of abuse: The United Nations is investigating 150 allegations of sexual abuse by peacekeepers in Congo, a disturbing sign that efforts to rid the so-called "blue helmets" of such misconduct in recent years haven't worked, officials said Monday.

The allegations include pedophelia, rape and soliciting prostitutes, said Jane Holl Lute, assistant secretary-general for peacekeeping operations. Similar claims have been made against peacekeepers working under the U.N. mandate in the past.

The allegations in Congo started coming to light in the spring, and formal investigations have begun in several cases, she said. There are allegedly photographs and video footage backing some of the claims.

North Korea food aid: North Korea will need food aid for more than 6 million people next year, as a harvest shortfall and soaring prices in fledgling private markets leave most families unable to get enough to eat, U.N. agencies said Tuesday.

The report by the World Food Program and the Food and Agriculture Organization came amid efforts to restart stalled six-nation talks on U.S. demands for the North to give up its nuclear ambitions.

Madrid bombing memorial: A glass dome etched with messages of condolence has been chosen as the design for a memorial to victims of the Madrid train bombings Mayor Alberto Ruiz-Gallardon and Devel-

opment Minister Magdalena Alvarez announced the winning bid Monday from among 289 proposals.

The 66-foot tall dome design was presented by a Spanish architectural firm.

The structure will be built outside the Atocha rail station, one of the targets in the March 11 attack that killed 191 people and wounded more than 1,500. The bombings on four commuter trains were blamed on Islamic militants linked to al-Qaida

Engraved on the dome will be messages of condolence that Spaniards wrote in letters and signs left at makeshift memorials at Atocha and two other stations in the days after the attack.

An association representing victims asked that the messages of condolence appear instead of victims' names to show "values of hope and solidarity."

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VA chief vows care for 'wounded heroes'

Bound for Afghanistan, Secretary Anthony Principi visits injured at Landstuhl

BY BEN MURRAY Stars and Stripes

LANDSTUHL, Germany -Emerging from a meeting with injured troops at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, the Department of Veterans Affairs' top official vowed Monday to work for the timely delivery of benefits to America's "wounded heroes."

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi spent more than an hour meeting with about 20 troops at the hospital in a brief stop on his way to Thanksgiving in Afghanistan

Afterward, he spoke about the need to take care of soldiers wounded in the war on terrorism. Principi said he was heartened by the morale of the troops recovering at Landstuhl, and would work "to make sure that the VA takes care of them" when they separate from the military.

But the VA faces a massive task in trying to quickly funnel health benefits to troops recently wounded or disabled in Iraq and Afghanistan. In a letter to The Washington Post last month, Principi said his office receives more than 60,000 new benefits claims each month, and at any given time has more than 250,000 claims being

The government's second-largest agency also has come under fire for the amount of time it takes to process claims

Working through the complicated separation and claims process can take months for senarating troops, prompting the VA to expand its services in 2001 and begin its "seamless transition" initiative last year to streamline the VA processing procedure

That initiative included efforts to improve communication between the VA and the Department of Defense, the addition of extra benefits counselors and internal VA moves to ensure that troops wounded in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom receive priority care.

"They've earned those benefits, and I want to ensure they get them," Principi said.

The VA's 2001 expansion of services has made a big difference to troops passing through the Landstuhl hospital, according to Jerl York, officer in charge for the seven-member VA staff at Land-

As of Tuesday, 20,802 troops have been treated at Landstuhl from injuries received in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom

York said that the predischarge program available at Landstuhl allows separating troops to work through the claims process while still in Germany, allowing them to circumvent most of the ponderous VA central claims system,



Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi talks in the lobby of the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in

Landstuhl, Germany, after he visited with wounded servicemembers who are hospitalized there.

"We can essentially write the

based in Washington, D.C.

"In the States, processing can take up to a year," York said. But working through the Landstuhl program allows separating troops award and the benefit starts flowto receive benefits in as little as ing then," he said. 60 to 100 days, he said.

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DODDS teacher receives national honor for teaching excellence

BY RICK EMERT

Stars and Stripes

BAMBERG, Germany -- Because he had students dancing in the aisles and spending their lunch time studying Shakespeare, a former Hanau Middle School teacher was recently selected as a 2004 recipient of the I CAN Learn-NEA Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence

Christopher Swanson, now a Vilseck Middle/High School English teacher, was nominated for the National Education Association award while teaching English and drama at Hanau Middle School last school

Swanson had to be nominated by his peers, students and parents to be eligible for the award

During his eight years at Hanau Middle School, Swanson strived to keep his lessons interesting. He used tools such as competitions and singing to get the children interested in learning

"One particular day, we were working on grammar." he said. "Grammar is a very dry subject, and there are so many rules to learn. I had one of the students rapping out the rules of grammar, and everybody was out of their chairs dancing around."

He gave up his lunch hours for what started out as special tutoring for students having trouble with the Shakespeare play they were reading in class.

So many students began coming to the lunch-hour sessions that it developed into the Hanau Shakespearean Actors Group. The group put on one to two Shakespeare



Christopher Swanson, a ninth-grade English and drama teacher at Vilseck High School, Germany, was recently recognized through the I CAN Learn-NEA Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence. The program recognizes teachers throughout the United States each year for their innovative ways of getting students interested in learning.

plays each school year and used funds raised to take a trip to London for workshops at the Globe Theatre, Swanson said.

Through the I CAN Learn program, 34 teachers throughout the United States are recognized for outstanding instructional expertise, creativity, innovation and attention to diversity and individual students' needs, among other areas

Five finalists are selected from the 34 teachers for the Horace Mann-NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence. One top winner is then selected from among the five.

Although Swanson was not one of the five finalists, he said he was honored to be included among the handful of educators receiving the I CAN Learn award.

"It is a humbling experience, to be adjudged to be at the top of my field," Swanson said. "It gives cause for reflection, and it motivates me to continue to work at heing a hetter teacher and to meet the needs of my students."

Kim Coard, a home economics teacher at Hanau Middle School who helped make the costumes for the plays, was one of the teachers who nominated Swanson for the

"I saw a lot of one-on-one between him and the students," said Coard, now a reading, health, and family and consumer scice teacher at Ramstein Middle School. "He got students who seemed hopeless genuinely motivated to learn and doing things they would not do for any other teacher. He always planned activities for the students and he built their esteem. Nobody is more deserving of this award."

Swanson said that, while the award is an honor, he was moved more by the fact that his peers and students wanted to nominate

"The best part of getting this award is knowing that there are people you have made a big enough impact on that they would want to nominate you for something like this." Swanson said.

Swanson will attend the NEA Foundation Award ceremony in Washington, D.C., in December.

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Jones: NATO participation in Iraq could be better

By LISA BURGESS Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - The failure of all NATO-member nations to participate in the alliance's new training mission in Iraq is "disturbing," according to Marine Gen James Jones, the alliance's top operational commander.

NATO allies agreed on Nov. 17 to approve a mission to send up to 300 military instructors, as well as guards and support staff, to Iraq as part of a mission to train the country's nascent military.

But only 16 of the alliance's 26 member nations have agreed to actually participate in the operation.

The others, including Germany and France - both of whom vigorously opposed the Bush administration's determination to prosecute the war in Iraq to begin with - have refused to send troops to participate in the mission.

Such recalcitrance "is disturbing," said Jones, who is Supreme Allied Commander, Europe during a luncheon address at the National Press Club on Tuesday.

It is important that once NATO decides to take on a mission, "all allies support it," James said. "When nine, 10, or 11 countries in the alliance will not send forces," Jones said, "the burden falls on the other 14" members to complete the task.

While Jones said he hopes the Iraq situation will be "a one-time issue." the possibility of similar situations "is something that

as to be discussed and given a full airing. Jones mentioned instances in which NATO as a whole might agree to a mission which then receives only partial member support as one of a series of "potential ob-

stacles to [NATO's] transformation." Other problems, Jones said, include the dwindling military budgets of many European countries, especially in Western Eurone.

'Over 50 percent of nations in NATO spend 2 percent or less of their Gross Domestic Product on national security issues, which includes international security,"

ble investment base" to depend on, espe-cially as military budgets continue to decline will make it difficult for NATO to

modernize for the future, he said. The United States spends 4.7 percent of its gross domestic product in 2004 on national security, according to the Center on

Budget and Policy Priorities.

Jones also said that an excess of restrictions, or "caveats," on how NATO forces may be employed once they are on a mis-

sion is a burden on commanders "Zero [caveats] is not possible," Jones said. "But we can certainly do better than we've done.

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Harlem Globetrotters to tour U.S. bases in Europe next month



Harlem Globetrotters Tours of U.S. military bases: Dec. 5: Naval Station Rota, Spain Dec. 6: Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy Dec. 7: Naval Support Activity La Maddalena, Italy Dec. 8: Aviano Air Base, Italy Dec. 14: Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily Dec. 12: Mannheim, Germany

Dec. 13-14: Several locations in Turkey The shows are free, but some bases require fans

to have tickets. Servicemembers should contact their local bases for show dates, times, locations and ticket information.

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER Stars and Strings

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain - The legendary Harlem Globetrotters bring their comedic basketball fun to U.S. military bases in Europe and Turkey next month in a rare tour to entertain

the troops. The team will perform at nine bases in Spain, Germany and Turkey from Dec. 5 through Dec. 14. It is believed to be the first time the world-famous basketball squad has toured overseas

Each show is free to troops and their families.

"They have a very busy sched-ule," said Cheryl Anderson, special events and entertainment coordinator for the Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division. "But they were very excited about this

The Globetrotters will bring the same show that entertains sands of people worldwide each

"As the holiday season approach es, the Globetrotters wanted to take time to re-member the men and women who

are sacrificing time away from their families," said Mannie Jackson, team owner and chairman, in a statement announcing the overseas trip.

"The Globetrotters are honored to provide a few hours of entertainment and a break from the stress of protecting our freedom."

The idea of an overseas tour emerged after Navy Capt. John

Orem, commander of U.S. forces in Rota, contacted MWR last year to see if the Globetrotters could make a brief appearance at the naval station during a stop in Spain earlier this year. Although the team couldn't make it to the base, Anderson said, the Globetrotters agreed to do a special holiday tour of bases throughout Eu-

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AT&T is backing the trip, along with sponsoring a halftime half-court basket-

ball shot contest. Servicemembers and their families can register to try and sink the half-court shot and win \$1,000. Also, fans can participate in a halftime free-throw contest to win prenaid long-distance phone cards.

Since their inception 78 years ago, the Globetrotters have entertained more than 121 million fans in 117 countries with their special brand of dunks, iokes and basketball court pranks In 1998 they played their

20,000th basketball game. The Globetrotters routinely play more than 200 games a year worldwide.

2005, they are scheduled to appear in more than 200 cities across the United States and Canada in a four-month span.

During the holiday tour of military bases, HDNet — the high-deftelevision network co-founded by Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban - will film a special to air in late December.

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Rear Adm. Mauney takes command of submarine group

BY JASON CHUDY Stars and Stripes

Rear Adm. Carl V. Maunev assumed command of the Naples. Italy-based Submarine Group Eight from Rear Adm Paul S

Stanley during a cere mony on the NATO base at Nisi-Island da near

Mauney last served as the director of the Strategy

and Policy Division at the office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C.

In addition to serving as head the submarine group, Mauney will control Operations and Plans for the U.S. Naval Forces Europe and NATO's Allied Submarines. Mediterra-

Stanley will become director of Warfare Programs and Readiness for U.S. Fleet Forces Com-mand in Norfolk, Va. He had twice served as the submarine group's commander, once for four months as interim com-mander in early 2002 and again in July 2003.

"Rear Admiral Stanley has been vital here," guest speaker Vice Adm. Harry Ulrich, the 6th Fleet commander, was quoted as saying in a Navy news re-

'He has done a tremendous job of creating a vision of what the 6th Fleet and military in Naples and Europe can and should

addition to the Naples-based staff, Submarine Group Eight manages the La Maddalena, Sardinia-based Submarine Squadron 22 and submarine tender USS Emory S. Land.

Schweinfurt GI pleads guilty to theft, child porn charges

BY STEVE LIEWER Stars and Stripes Schweinfurt.

ny-based soldier will spend nearly four years in prison after pl ing guilty at a court-martial last week to stealing another soldier's laptop computer and keeping pornographic videos of children on his own computer

Judge (Lt. Col.) Robin Hall sentenced Pvt. Floyd Latta, 34, of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, to four years in jail and or-dered him to be dishonorably discharged during his Nov. 15 trial in Würzburg, Germany, accord-ing to a trial summary released this week by the 1st Infantry Divi sion's Staff Judge Advocate's of-

Latta's jail term was cut to 45 months under the terms of a plea bargain.

The chief prosecutor, Capt. Zahid Quraishi, said Latta kept several videos and images on his laptop computer that depicted children being sexually abused, beaten and kept in bondage. The pictures showed at least six different child victims, and some of them were used in prosecutions of the people who made them in the United States, Germany and elsewhere, according to the case summary.

Latta also admitted stealing another soldier's laptop computer from an office at Conn Barracks. the 1-4 Cavalry's home base, between April 5 and April 8. He de-leted all of the personal and work-related files, forcing the soldier to buy a new computer, the summary said.

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White House orders study on paramilitary operations

SHRADER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The White House has requested that the Cen tral Intelligence Agency and the Pentagon study whether the Defense Department should take over CIA paramilitary operations, as recommended by the Sept. 11 commission.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and then-acting CIA Director John McLaughlin rejected the idea — McLaughlin quite viscerally when the commission issued its final report this summer. Bush's request indicates that the administration wants to give the issue closer study.

"The president asked that we look at this to understand and address the specifics of this issue, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Monday evening.

Both Whitman and a U.S. official, who also confirmed the study on the condition of anonymity, stressed that the work is being done collaboratively. The study is still in its early stages.

The review comes as Congress

mate over other sweeping recommendations from the commission that investigated the Sept. 11. 2001. attacks, including the creation of a new national intelligence director

Within its 40-plus recommendations, the commission recommended the transfer of the CIA's paramilitary operations to the Defense Department. The commissioners said having two such organizations within the government to handle such operations was re-

Paramilitary operations can include a host of activities, including training rebel forces; destabilizing governments and organizations through violence; and directly attacking enemy targets and in-dividuals. The operations can be handled by CIA paramilitary teams or units out of the Pentagon, such as the Green Berets or Delta Force

Pentagon and intelligence leaders have said CIA paramilitaries and military special operations forces each have distinct capabilities, but work well together

he wouldn't accept the Sept. 11 commission's recommendation. He has since been replaced by CIA Director Porter Goss.

"I think we have a perfect marriage now of CIA and military capabilities. CIA brings to the mix agility and speed. Military brings lethality," McLaughlin said.

Rumsfeld, however, was initially less committal on the proposal saying he is not sure the CIA's control over paramilitary operations is a problem that needs fix-

Some nibbling away at the CIA's domain is already under way. Recent legislation would give the U.S. Special Operations Command up to \$25 million to support "foreign forces, irregular forces, groups or individuals' that help U.S. efforts against terrorists and other enemies. Such - which could mean cash, weapons or other assistance to often shadowy groups or figures - has traditionally been handled by the CIA.

Bush signed the measure into law last month

AP Military Writer Robert Burns contributed to this story.



The Pentagon is reopening a controversial contract for Air Force refueling tankers to replace KC-135s, shown above, after a scandal involving an Air Force official giving special treatment to Boeing on multiple contracts. The official later took a job with Boeing.

Pentagon invites new competition for AF tanker contract

BY MATTHEW DALY The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon has decided to reopen a controversial deal to supply refueling tankers to the Air Force, dealing a blow to The Boeing Co., which had expected to win the \$23 billion contract

The move was expected. Congress killed a leasing aspect of the deal in a defense authorization bill last month in response to a growing scandal centering on a former Air Force official who admitted giving special treatment to Boeing on the tanker deal and other contracts

The official, Darleen Druvun, later joined Boeing as a top executive. She has pleaded guilty on felony charges and was sentenced to nine months in prison. Boeing's former chief financial officer, Michael Sears, also has pleaded guilty for his role in hiring Druyun.

The Pentagon had planned to lease 100 modified commercial Boeing 767 jets to replace the Air Force's aging fleet of KC-135 tankers

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said in a letter to Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner, R-Va., that the department is studying a wide range of alternatives before proceeding on the tanker deal.

"After we have selected an appropriate alternative, we intend to require competition," Wolfowitz wrote. "No matter which alternative we choose, leasing is not an option without new congressional authority.'

Wolfowitz's letter, published Saturday in the Congressional Record, was hailed as good news by critics who contend the original deal was structured in Boeing's favor.

'Competition doesn't mean Boe ing doesn't get the contract. It just means taxpavers will get more bang for their buck," said Keith Ashdown, vice president of Taxpavers for Common Sense

Boeing said it respected the Pentagon's decision and looked forward to the competition. European-based EADS, which owns most of Boeing rival Airbus, is expected to be the main competitor for the tanker deal.

Backed by our 50 years of tanker expertise, the Boeing 767 tanker has already been selected by Italy and Japan," said Boeing

spokesman Doug Kennett. He said Italian the Air Force's first full-up tanker will roll out in February and fly in March next year.



Ralph Crosby. chairman and chief executive officer of EADS North America, said that if there is a competition

for the tankers, his company will participate "We will team with a major American partner, expand our in-dustrial footprint in the United

States, employ American workers and pledge to offer the finest military capability for the United States Air Force at the best value to our taxpayers," Crosby said.

Wolfowitz's letter, dated Friday, essentially accepts an interpretation of the defense authorization bill offered by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., an Armed Ser-vices Committee member and fierce critic of the tanker deal. McCain said the bill brings the Air Force's plan "back to square one" with a "full and open competition" required.



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5,000 U.S., Iraqi **British forces** launch offensive south of Baghdad

BY TINI TRAN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Some 5,000 U.S. Marines, British troops and Iraqi commandos launched raids and arrested suspected insurgents Tuesday in a new offensive aimed at clearing a swath of insurgent hotbeds south of Baghdad, the U.S. military said.

In other violence masked gunmen assassinated a Sunni cleric north of Baghdad - the second such killing in as many days and insurgents hit a U.S. convoy with a roadside bomb near the central Iraq city of Samarra. prompting the Americans to open fire, killing an Iraqi hospital officials said.

The new offensive was the third large-scale military assault this month aimed at suppressing Iraq's persistent insurgency ahead of crucial elections set for

The region of dusty, small towns south of the capital has become known as the "triangle of death" for the frequent attacks by car bombs, rockets, and small arms on U.S. and Iraqi forces there and for frequent ambushes on travelers

The military said violence has surged in the area in recent weeks in an apparent attempt to



A U.S. tank burns on the back of a transport truck after it came under attack on a highway in Baghdad on Monday.

divert attention away from the U.S. assault on Falluiah.

The joint operation kicked off with early-morning raids in the town of Jabella, 50 miles south of Baghdad, netting 32 suspected insurgents, the U.S. military said in a statement. U.S. and Iraqi forces were conducting house-to-house searches and vehicle check-

In the past three weeks, Iraqi troops and Marines have detained nearly 250 insurgents, the statement said

They have been aided by British forces from the 1st Battalion of the Black Watch Regiment. who were brought to the area from southern Basra to aid U.S. forces in closing off militant escape routes between Baghdad. Babil province to the south and Anbar province to the west.

The massive Falluiah invasion involving some 10,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops - has left the former guerrilla stronghold mostly in U.S. hands, though fighting with pockets of gunmen has been going on for days, the military has . More than 50 U.S. servicemembers were killed and more than 400 wounded in the opera-

Earlier this month, the northern city of Mosul witnessed a mass insurgent uprising in apparent support of Fallujah's guerril-

Some 2.400 U.S. troops were sent in to retake control over western parts of the city The slain Sunni cleric. Sheik

Ghalib Ali al-Zuhairi, was shot as he left a mosque in the town of Muqdadiyah, 60 miles north of Baghdad, said police Col. Raisan Hussein

Al-Zuhairi was a member of the Association of Muslim Scholars, an influential group that has called for a boycott of nationwide elections

A day earlier, gunmen assassinated another prominent Sunni cleric in the northern city of Mosul - Sheik Faidh Mohamed Amin al-Faidhi, who was the brother of the group's spokesman. It as unclear whether the

two attacks were related. Meanwhile, a top aide to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr accused the government of violating terms of the August agreement that ended an uprising by al-Sadr's followers in Naiaf.

Ali Smeisim, al-Sadr's top political adviser, made no explicit threats as he leveled his allegations at a Baghdad news confer-

But his remarks raised the nossibility of a new confrontation bethe government al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia, which rose up against the Americans and their Iraqi allies in April and August.

Smeisim said the government has broken a promise in the August agreement not to arrest mem-bers of al-Sadr's movement and to release most of them from detention.

"The government, however, started pursuing them and their numbers in prisons have doubled," Smeisim said. "Iraqi police arrested 160 al-Sadr loyalists in Najaf four days ago."

Smeisim also accused the government of conspiring with two major Shiite parties, Dawa and the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, to marginalize al-Sadr's movement and prevent its clerics from speaking in mosques.

Trouble from al-Sadr's armed followers would further complicate the security situation ahead of the January vote.

The United States is eager for the election to go ahead as planned, hoping that an elected government widely accepted by the Iraqi people will take the steam out of the insurgency still raging in Sunni areas of central, western and northern Iraq as well as the capital

But a boycott by Sunni Arabs who make up an estimated 20 percent of the nearly 26 million population - could deprive the new government of legitimacy. majority Shiites, believed to form 60 percent of the population, strongly support elections.

Still, Iraq's interim prime minister expressed confidence Monday that the election will succeed. Avad Allawi said he believed that only "a very small minority" would abstain during the election.

As the election approaches, U.S. commanders in Iraq probably will expand their troops by several thousand. Army units slated to depart are also being held back until after the election There are now about 138 000 H S troops in Iraq.

In Egypt, where 20 nations have gathered for an international conference on Iraq, members have committed themselves to supporting the U.S.-backed Iraqi interim government and its war against insurgents.

The gathering, which included many who had opposed the war represented hard-won acknowledgment of the need for international cooperation to deal with its consequences.

U.S. injured tops 9.000

WASHINGTON - The number of U.S. troops wounded throughout Iraq since the Fallujah offensive began Nov. 7 has sur-passed 850, and the wounded total for the entire war has topped 9,000, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

In its weekly report on casualties the Pentagon said 9,326 U.S. troops have been wounded since forces invaded Iraq in March 2003. That's an increase of 370 from the previous week, reflecting not only the battles in Falluiah but insurgent attacks in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities.

The wounded total has increased by 868 since the outset of the Fallujah offensive and by 1,039 since Nov. 1. The Pentagon has not given a comprehensive report on the number of American forces killed and wounded in Fallujah alone, but officials said last week that at least 51 had been killed and 425 wounded.

Irag's political parties

BAGHDAD - Iraq's Independent Electoral Commission said Tuesday that 156 political parties have been approved to run candi-dates in the Jan. 30 general elec-

They included the Iraqi National Accord party led by Prime Minister Avad Allawi and the new President party of al-Yawer, called the Iraqis' Party, commission spokesman Farid Avar said in a statement.

Avar said 212 parties applied for certification but 56 were rejected for failing to meet criteria

Also among those approved was the Iraqi Islamic Party, a Sunni group that had threatened to boycott the election to protest the U.S.-led offensive against Fallujah. The party later decided to participate.

Group enters Falluiah

GENEVA - The first independent aid group to enter the Iraqi city of Fallujah after two weeks of heavy fighting saw a mostly deserted city but was able to help a few civilians contact relatives outside, the Red Crescent said Tues-

The Iraqi National Guard told the aid convoy that no more than 100 civilian families remain in Fallujah, a city with a usual population of 300,000, said Dr. Said Ismail al-Haqi, director of the Iraqi Red Crescent Society.

'It is a deserted town," al-Haqi

He said the convoy Monday didn't see anyone who needed medical attention and left Fallujah before 5 p.m. on the instruc-

tions of the U.S.-led military forc-"We had seven ambulances,

but there was no one there to be evacuated." al-Hagi added, "We were told it's already been done. He said the military had appar-

ently provided the medical assistance to the wounded, adding that the Iraqi Red Crescent - a national branch of the international Red Cross movement - was told by the authorities that it was the first independent relief group to enter the city since U.S.-led forces invaded two weeks before.

U.S. military officials have said they kept out aid groups for security reasons during the first two weeks of the fighting.

From The Associated Press

.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Monday, at least 1,228 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 955 died as a re sult of hostile action, the De-fense Department said. The figures include three military civilians

The AP count is two higher than the Defense Department's tally, which was last updated Monday at 10 a.m. EDT.

The British military has re ported 74 deaths; Italy, 19; Po-land, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three: Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,090 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 846 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A U.S. soldier died Monday of wounds suffered in an attacl in Baghdad the night before. The latest identifications re-

ported by the military: ■ Marine Cpl. Bradley T. Arms, 20, Charlottesville, Va.; died Friday in Anbar province Irag: assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division. Baltimore. Md

■ Marine Lance Cpl. De-markus D. Brown, 22, Martins-ville, Va.; died Friday in Anbar Province, Iraq; assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Leieune, N.C.

Army Sgt. Jack Bryant Jr., 23, Dale City, Va., died in an at-tack Saturday in Muqdadiyah Irag: assigned to 3rd Brigade Fire Support Team, 1st Battalion, 6th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Michael A. Downey, 21, Phoenix; died Friday at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., from wounds received Nov. 11 in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Reg iment 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

■ Marine Cpl. Joseph Heredia, 22, Santa Maria, Calif.: died Saturday at Landstuhl Re gional Medical Center, Germany, from wounds received Nov 10 in Anbar province, Iraq; as signed to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Divi sion, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corns Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Joseph T. Welke, 20, Rapid City, S.D.; died Saturday at Landstuhl Re gional Medical Center, Germany, from wounds received Friday in Anbar province, Iraq; as signed to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Marine Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Iraq: U.S. role crucial to success of elections

By SALAH NASRAWI The Associated Press

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt - Iraq told an international conference Tuesday that U.S.-led military operations in the war-ravaged country are essential to allowing all people to vote in January national elections. And it received broad global support in the process.

World leaders also discussed the uncoming Palestinian elections on the side of the conference, with U.N. Secre-tary-General Kofi Annan saving the Jan. 9 polls provided an opportunity to revive the Israeli-Palestinian peace

But Iraq took center stage, with Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari telling the conference that security was the key concern in staging his country's Jan 29 elections. He also defend-American-led multinational force in Iraq, which is widely seen in the Arab world as an army of occupa-

"The contribution of the multinational force is essential to help secure necessary conditions for voting and to sunport our security forces in stabilizing the country," Zebari said.

Zebari addressed representatives of 20 nations, including Iraq's six neighbors, and bodies such as the Group of Eight, the European Union and the Arab League, who came to this Red Sea resort to discuss Irag's future. The two-day conference, which ended Tuesday, was attended by states that had opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq but now recognize the need to contribute to its reconstruction

"We must guarantee that all sectors of the Iraqi electorate have an equal chance to cast their vote - free from intimidation, terror and fear spread by

an extreme minority." Zebari said of this month's campaign waged against insurgents in Iraqi cities such as Falluiah and Mosul

"The campaign in Fallujah was a difficult decision, taken after extensive negotiations, but the last course of action after all peaceful and political avenues of dialogue had been exhausted."

The conference rebuffed calls from France and some Arab states to set a deadline for withdrawing the U.S.-led forces. But the final communique, which was approved unanimously, said pointedly that their mandate was "not open-ended."

The communique condemned "all acts of terrorism in Iraq," referring particularly to the kidnappings and assassinations of foreign and Iraqi civilians, aid workers, diplomats and journalists. It urged the interim government to deal firmly with terrorists, but also to avoid hurting civilians



Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari listens during a meeting of foreign ministers of Iraq and neighboring countries in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt, on Monday.

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GI who died in Iraq refused to avoid war

By CAROLAN THOMPSON The Associated Press

WEST SENECA, N.Y. - When a call to active duty interrupted National Guard Spc. David Roustum's final semester in college, his Syrian-born father suggested he could avoid combat by going to

"I would send you." the father offered

"Dad. I would never do that. This is my country and I will do whatever it takes," was Rous-tum's reply, his now-grieving father recalled Monday after learning Roustum had been killed in Baghdad.

"That tells you the kind of nerson he was.

Military officials told Russ Roustum and his wife, Jennifer, that their youngest son died in an ambush Saturday. At least three other soldiers from Roustum's 108th Infantry Regiment were wounded, the family said.

Three of the injured soldiers' mothers came to the Roustums' suburban Buffalo home Sunday to say they believe David Roustum, 22, saved their sons' lives.

"Two of them are severely injured but the other one was able to talk to his mother," Russ Roustum said

The Roustums, who live in West Seneca, had no other details



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Russ Rous turn said the message from the soldiers' mothers did not surprise him. His son, Roustum said, was a leader who played quarterback for his Orchard Park High School football team and captained the club hockey team the year it went from last place to first.

Roustum, who followed his older brother into the military. had been months away from finishing an accounting degree at the University at Buffalo when he was sent to Iraq in March

At the high school Roustum attended, flags flew at half-staff Monday and students and staff observed a moment of silence after being told of Roustum's death over the public-address system.

"David was an outstanding stu-

dent, athlete, soldier and human being," said the principal, Robert Farwell

Gunmen steal \$500,000 in Iraqi dinars

BAQOUBA, Iraq - Masked gunmen killed three government employees Tuesday and stole \$500,000-worth of Iraqi dinars in an ambush on a sport utility vehicle carrying the monthly payroll for a government electric power company, police said.

Seven government workers were headed from the bank with the money when two gunmen forced their vehicle to stop, police Lt.Mohammed Adel said

The gunmen then chanted "Allahu Akbar," or "God is Great," as they opened fire on the group, killing three and injuring four others. The assailants then grabbed sacks containing about 700 million Iraqi dinars, or \$500,000 dollars, and fled, Adel said.





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IN THE STATES

Relatives stunned by murder-spree suspect

BY ROBERT IMRIE

The Associated Press

HAYWARD, Wisc. — Relatives of a man being held in the deadly shooting of six deer hunters say they are just as stunned and bewildered by the incident as authorities investigating the case.

Thick glass prevented Chai Vang from any contact with family members during a brief visit Monday at the jail. They spoke via telephone, mixing English with the native language of Hmong immigrants from Laos.

"I still don't believe it," the suspect's brother, Sang Vang, said. "He is one of the nicest persons. ... Maybe something provoked him or something."

Charges had not been filed against 36-year-old Chai Vang, of St. Paul, Minn., as of Tuesday morning.

Death toll rises to six in Wis. attack on hunters

Vang is accused of opening fire on several hunters Sunday with a semiautomatic assault rifle. Five people were killed and a sixth died Monday; two others were wound-

"I just don't think any of this makes sense," Sawyer County Sheriff James Meier said.

Meier told reporters a dispute over Vang's use of a tree stand on private property preceded the gunfire. Killed were Robert Crotteau, 42; his son Joey, 20; Al Laski,

43; Mark Roidt, 28; and Jessica Willers, 27.
Denny Drew, 55, died Monday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, his family announced. Willers' father, Terry Willers, remained hospitalized Tuesday in fair condi-

tion, while the other wounded hunter was

released late Monday or early Tuesday.

Officials said the victims were part of a
group of 14 or 15 who made their opening-weekend trip to Robert Crotteau's

400-acre property an annual tradition.

When two or three hunters spotted a man in their hunting platform in a tree on Crotteau's land, one of the men approached the intruder and asked him to leave.

"The suspect got down from the deer stand, walked 40 yards, fiddled with his rifle. He took the scope off his rifle, he turned and he opened fire on the group,"

One of the men called for help on his radio, but it was too late. The gunman fired

again, hitting the people who had just arrived on all-terrain vehicles, authorities

said.

He was "chasing after them and killing them," Deputy Tim Zeigle said. "He hunt-

ed them down."

It is unclear whether anyone returned fire. The members of the hunting party had only one gun among them. Someone in

the group wrote down the suspect's hunting license number. Investigators said Vang was cooperat-

Some Hmong leaders questioned whether racial differences may have figured in the shootings; authorities have not determined a motive.

Sang Vang said his family was devastated, and that his brother has lived in the United States for more than 20 years and is a U.S. Army yeteran.

Texas mother charged with murder in baby daughter's death

BY LISA FALKENBERG

The Associated Press

PLANO, Texas — With a calm, dispassionate voice and a hymn playing in the background, Dena Schlosser confessed to the unthinkable, telling a 911 operator she'd cut off the arms of her baby girl.

The woman was sitting in her living room covered with blood when police arrived Monday. Her nearly 11-month-old daughter lay fatally injured in a crib in a bedroom of the family's apartment in Plano.

The child died shortly afterward at a hospital.

Police have charged the 35-year-old mother with capital murder, but declined to reveal where she is being held. Schlosser, who had a history of postpar-

Schlosser, who had a history of postpartum depression, had been investigated on

child neglect allegations earlier this year, but Texas Child Protective Services had recently closed a

seven-month investigation, concluding
that Schlosser did not
pose a risk to he rollidren. Neighbors said
she seemed to be a lowing, attentive mother
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Schlosser Gonzales said, describing the children as healthy and happy.

But, on Monday, authorities discovered a grisly scene after the child's father called a day-care center and asked staff-

ers to check on his wife and daughter.

Day-care workers called 911 after talking to the mother; an operator then called

Asked if there was an emergency, Schlosser calmly responded "Yes," according to 911 tapes released by police.

"Exactly what happened?" the operator

"I cut her arms off," Schlosser replied, as the hymn "He Touched Me" played in the background.

"You cut her arms off?" he repeated.
"Uh huh." she answered.

It was not immediately clear what instrument was used to sever the baby's arms or why the child's father called the day-care center. The name of the baby was not released.

Authorities said the two older daugh-

ters in the family, ages 6 and 9, were at school when police arrived, and that their father was at work.

No one answered the door Monday night at the family's apartment in suburban Dallas. Children's bicycles rested near the entrance along with angel garden status.

Neighbors said Schlosser took her children swimming in the summer, had picnics in the courtyard and walked her baby around the complex the same time each afternoon

Dena Livingston, 43, said she saw Schlosser making her rounds with the stroller on Sunday. Two days earlier, she saw Schlosser waiting with the baby outside the school her two other daughters attend. "She didn't give off like she was in a dis-

tant world or didn't care about the baby,'



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CBS anchor Dan Rather says he will step down in March

The Associated Pres

NEW YORK — Dan Rather, embattled anchor of the "CBS Evening News," announced Tuesday that he will step down in March, on the 24th anniversary of taking over the job from Walter Cronkite.

The veteran anchor has been under fire in recent months for his role in a "60 Minutes Wednesday" story that questioned President Bush's service in the National Guard, which turned out to based on allegedly forged documents.

Rather, 73, said he will continue to work for CBS, as a correspondent for both editions of "60 Minutes." He made no mention of the National Guard story

He made no mention of the National Guard story in announcing the change, saying he had agreed with CBS executives last summer that after the Nov. 2 election would be the right time to leave. "I have always been and remain a 'hard news' investigative reporter at heart," he said. "I now look forward to pouring my heart into that kind of reporting full time."

CBS did not mention a potential successor.

"He has been an eyewitness to the most important events for more than 40 years and played a crucial role in keeping the American public informed about those events and their larger significance," CBS Chairman Leslie Moonves said.

A report on what went wrong with the National Guard story, from a two-man independent investigative panel, is due imminently.

Rather anchored the story and initially defended it when it was criticized.

Capital gears up for Christmas



Lynne Cheney, center, wife of Vice President Dick Cheney, waves with Peter Nostrand, president of Christmas Pageant of Peace Inc., right, and her grandchildren after placing the star on the 2004 National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse near the White House on Tuesday. The Official lighting of the tree will take place Dec. 2.

Feds break up immigration fraud ring in Virginia

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT

The Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A fraud ring operating in northern Virginia helped more than 1,000 Indonesian immigrants file bogus asylum applications in recent years, federal prosecutors said Monday.

Sixteen people were arrested Monday and 10 more are facing federal charges, including asylum fraud and labor-certification frau

The defendants all worked for companies that charged immigrants \$2,000 or ino rouse to help them with fraudulent asylum claims or to improperly obtain labor certifications or identification documents like Virginia driver's licenses.

Applicants were coached to tell authorities they had been beaten or raped by Muslims in Indonesia because they were ethnic Chinese or Christians. Their applications contained bogus accounts of abuse that were identical on multiple applications.

"The stories of torture they fabricated were repeated word for word by immigrants who were coached to memorize them exactly," said U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty. McNulty's office has made immigration fraud a priority since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, when it was discovered that seven of the 19 hijackers had fraudulently obtained Virginia driver's licenses.

The ringleader, prosecutors say, was Hans Gouw, 53, of Fairfax Station, an Indonesian citizen who himself was granted asylum in 1999.

Gouw and his sister — also an Indonesian citizen who had been granted asylum — were directors of the Chinese Indonesian American Society, which purportedly sought to help Indonesians immigrate to the United States, according to a court afficient

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U2 plays surprise show in NYC

BY SAM DOLNICK The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With the bright lights of lower Manhattan shining on the stage, the band U2 played a surprise outdoor concert in a waterfront park beneath the Brooklyn Bridge.

lyn Bridge.

Although the MTV-organized show hadn't been publicly announced or advertised, thousands lined up Monday at the Empire-Putton Ferry State Park, a riverside park between the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges and across from the New York sky-

Most people said they heard about the show through word-of-mouth or postings on U2 fans' Web sites. The concert was for an MTV special called "mtv-JAMMED: U2," set to air Dec. 10.

Led by frontman Bono, U2 played songs from its new album, "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb." Although the album wasn't scheduled to be released until Tuesday, many fans had already downloaded the songs and sang along with the choruses.

Deb Pruitt, 47, left her home in Culpeper, Va., at 4 a.m. to see the concert. She met her daughter, Melissa, who was flown in from Los Angeles after winning a U2

"It's totally worth it not to sleep

at all and drive eight hours to be here," said Deb Pruitt. "We're big fans."

Before the concert, U2 spent the day playing on the back of a flatbed truck that wound through city streets as a film crew shot the band for a new video.

When the waiting fans in Brooklyn saw the truck crossing the Manhattan Bridge with the band on board, they screamed and waved at the rockers.



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Thousands of people showed for a 30 minute free concert by U2 on Monday in Brooklyn, New York. U2 performed songs from their latest album "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb."

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'Virgin Mary' sandwich sells on eBay for \$28,000

The Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — A woman who said her 10-year-old grilled cheese sandwich bore the image of the Virgin Mary will be getting a lot more bread after the item sold for \$28,000 on eBay.

GoldenPalace.com, an online casino, confirmed that it placed the winning bid, and company executives said they were willing to spend "as much as it took" to own the 10-year-old half-sandwich with a bite out of it.

"It's a part of pop culture that's immediately and widely recognizable," spokesman Monty Kerr told The Miami Herald. "We knew right away we wanted to have it."

Photos posted on eBay show what can be viewed as a woman's face emblazoned on the sandwich, a bite taken out of one end. In a statement, GoldenPalace.com CEO Richard Rowe said

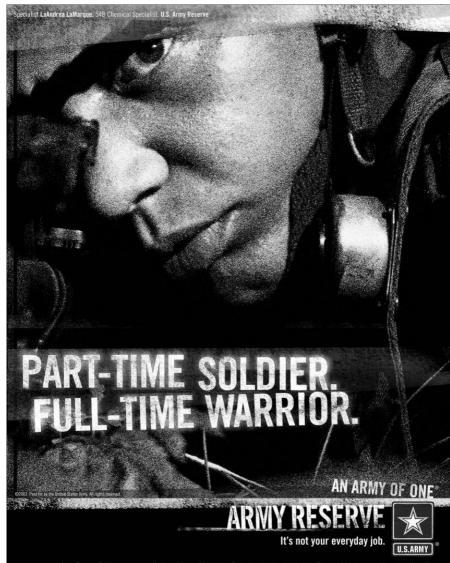
ace.com CEO Richard Rowe said he planned to use the sandwich to raise money for charity. Kerr and Steve Baker, CEO of GoldenPalace's management company, Cyberworld Group, flew to south Florida on Monday to make arrangements for a sandwich handover from its owner, Diana Duyser. "I would like all people to know

"I would like all people to know that I do believe that this is the Virgin Mary Mother of God," Duyser said in the casino's statement.

The online auction site initially pulled the sale, saying it didn't post joke items. The page was restored after the company was convinced that Duyser would deliver on the bid, said eBay spokesman Hani Durzy.

Duyser said she took a bite after making the sandwich 10 years ago and saw a face staring back at her. She put the sandwich in a clear plastic box with cotton balls and kept it on her night stand.

She said the sandwich has never sprouted a spore of mold.



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New video games sparking anger, controversy

JFK assassination game called 'despicable' | S. Korea nixes game about U.S., N. Korea

BY JOSE ANTONIO VARGAS The Washington Post

Is this going too far? "JFK Reloaded," after all, is an online game that deals with the John F. Kennedy assassination and was made available Monday - the 41st anniversary of the president's death

To have players pretend to be Lee Harvev Oswald, crouch on the sixth floor of the former Texas School Book Depository with a rifle, and fire those three shots is bad enough. But, for the game's critics, it gets worse. It cost \$10 to play, and the company that created it is supposedly offering a \$100,000 "reward" for the player who re-creates the exact timing and angle of the shots that killed the nation's 35th presi-

"It's despicable," says David Smith, spokesman for Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., the late president's brother. "We're not commenting further."

Learning more about the game isn't easy

Traffic Management Limited, the Scotland-based company that created what it calls a "docu-game," hasn't uttered much either. Numerous calls made Monday seeking comment were not returned

But the New York Daily News and the Associated Press Monday quoted Kirk Ewing. the managing director of Traffic, as saying, "This new form of interactive entertainment brings history to life and will stimulate a vounger generation of players to take an interest in this fascinating episode of Ameri can history. We've created the game with the belief that Oswald was the only person that fired the shots on that day, although this re-creation proves how immensely difficult his task was.

The game capitalizes on the continued fascination with Kennedy's assassination in Dallas on a sunny fall afternoon in 1963. That day has been memorialized in best-selling books and popular films, including Oliver Stone's "JFK," which explored the conspiracy theories surrounding the event The Warren Commission concluded in 1964 that the shots were fired from Oswald's gun.

Ian Bogost, the assistant professor in the digital media graduate program of the Geor-gia Institute of Technology, has watched the game's free demo and says he has played it

Bogost, who also runs a year-old blog, watercoolergames.org — for "video games with an agenda," he says — finds the negative reaction hypocritical.

The game's Web site, JFKReloaded.com, is in the same vein, he says, as the first-person shooter game Kuma War. That game uses current topics - such as the Swift boat mission in Vietnam that won Sen. John Kerry a Silver Star and became a point of controversy in the presidential election - as a means for exploring headline-grabbing issues, "another way to cre-ate a frame for understanding," Bogost

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO Stars and Strines

SEOIII. - South Korea's Media Rating Board has refused to approve a new video game that bases its action scenarios on a U.S. conflict with North Korea

As a result, the Korean company that was to distribute "Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon 2" has decided not to release the game here. The game, ratings board members decided, goes "way too far" in its sce-

"Ghost Recon 2," a first-person shooter game from Red Storm Entertainment, part of France-based Ubisoft Entertainment, was released in the United States this month on some platforms, and in the near future on others, including PCs.

The game is or will be available from numerous online retail outlets.

The game's scenario is rooted in a real-world, albeit somewhat unlikely, possibility. After a famine, a North Korean general diverts food aid to the military and slowly gains power. In response, China cuts off weapons sales and North Korea turns to Russia for a secret alliance.

The North Korean general takes over nd invades China. Fearful of nuclear esca lation, China seeks a multinational force to ease tensions on its border with North Korea. That's where the game player part of the Special Forces "ghosts" in. The mission: Take out the North Korean general and stop the advance. The scenario is an inverted version of the mission U.S. servicemembers train for every day. Instead of an invasion to the south, North Korea heads north

When a preview of the game was shown at a Los Angeles video game exhibition earlier this year, it provoked the ire of the real North Korean leadership

"Through propaganda, entertainment and movies [Americans] have shown everyone their hatred for us," a North Korean government-run newspaper said. "This may be just a game to them now, but a war will not be a game for them later. In war they will only face miserable defeat and gruesome deaths."

In an e-mail interview earlier this year, one of Red Storm Entertainment's game designers said the company seeks to create believable but fictitious story lines.

"When we developed the story background, we aimed at staying away from key current or specific events while still having a reasonable setting for a conflict. Christian Allen wrote, "Thus the idea of a famine that drives hard-line military members to start a conflict was chosen as our story line.

Past "Ghost Recon" settings have included the Georgian Republic, Ethiopia and Cuba. Allen wrote

Game artists and designers do extensive research to ensure locations look and feel authentic, he said. A Chinese-American consultant helped verify authenticity, he said, and one of the game artists has a South Korean background

Hwang Hae-rym contributed to this story. E-mail Joseph Giordono at: giordonoj@pstripes.osd.mi

Thanksgiving travel may return to pre-9/11 level

Total travelers: 37.2 million

Automobile travelers: 30.6 million

By BRAD FOSS The Associated Press

Consider these journeys: Dal-las to Santa Fe, N.M.; Salt Lake City to Las Vegas; and Daytona Beach, Fla., to Washington, D.C. - in a car. These are the kinds of road trips some Americans are gearing up for as Thanksgiving approaches

Even with gasoline prices almost a third higher than a year ago, 30.6 million people, or 3 percent

before

million



ing up to what will be the busiest Thanksgiving for the transportation sector since 2000, according to a telephone survey conducted for AAA by the Travel Industry Association of America.

Thanksgiving is traditionally the peak business period for the airline industry, but passenger traffic fell sharply after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, accounting for the overall decline in holiday travel in 2001 and 2002. Auto traffic fell slightly in 2002 but, along with air traffic, has risen steadily since then.

Possible pre-Sept. 11 level for travel

With 30.6 million expected to hit the road before week's end, and 6.6 million likely to travel by other means, this year may be the busiest Thanksgiving for the transportation sector since 2000.



SOURCES: Department of Energy; AAA; Travel Industry Association of America

Guillermo Font will drive his Lincoln LS 1,600 miles from Debary, Fla., near Daytona Beach, to the nation's capital and back, to spend the holiday with his daughter. "I like to drive," said Font, a 71-year-old architect, who likes to "fool around" with his GPS system while listening to Latin ballads and classical music on the road. He figures on spending \$300 round trip for gasoline, food and an overnight stay in Lumber-

45 million U.S. travelers

Paula Silsby of Portland, Maine, said as long as there isn't a snowstorm she looks forward to the annual three-hour pilgrimage north to her parents' home in Ellsworth. The 53-year-old Justice Department lawyer said she finds comfort in the ritual.

Suzy Eisinger, a health care consultant from Dallas who is flying to Fairfax, Va., said she is dreading the crowded airports and jammed security checkpoints. But she's doing what she can to minimize the stress.

"I'm going to get there early, I'll probably check in online to speed things up, and I'm getting dropped off at the airport so I don't have to deal with parking,' Eisinger said.

That's probably a good idea, since airport parking lots are expected to fill up quickly and preflight screening lines are likely to be longer than usual, industry officials said. The steep drop-off in air travel that followed the 2001 terror attacks has gradually been reversed and AAA says this will be the first year since then that total Thanksgiving traffic - estimated to be 37.2 million Americans - will exceed the level of 36.8 million set in 2000. The heaviest Thanksgiving travel — 41.6 million Americans - occurred in 1995, according to AAA

The Federal Aviation Administration said airports, runways and skies will be most crowded on Tuesday and Wednesday, with more than 51,000 flights each day. That said. American, the nation's largest carrier, is advising travelers to get to the airport more than 90 minutes before flight time due to the anticipated long waits at security checkpoints and check-in. Travelers with bags to check should give themselves even more of a cushion.

Associated Press Writers David Koenig in Dallas and Debbie Hummel in Salt Lake City contributed to this renort

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WORLD

Hostages in Afghanistan freed

Three U.N. workers released after kidnapping, four weeks of captivity

By STEPHEN GRAHAM

KABUL, Afghanistan — Three U.N. workers kidnapped in Afghanistan four weeks ago were released unharmed Tuesday, a day after a string of

raids by U.S. and Afghan security forces.

The release was a relief to foreign aid workers and U.N. staffers among Kabul's 2,000-strong expatriate community, under virtual lockdown since the kidnapping. Large tracts of the country are already off-limits to relief workers because of a stubborn Taliban-led insurgency.

Philippine diplomat Angelito Nayan, British-Irish citizen Annetta Flanigan and Shqipe Hebibi of Kosovo were seized at gunpoint from a U.N. vehicle on Oct. 28 in Kabul.

They were first foreigners abducted in the Afghan capital since the Taliban fell three years ago, and their abductions raised fears that the Afghan capital could become prey to the kind of deadly kidnapnings by insurgents that have plaqued Iraq.

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"They are out," U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said. "Tm told they are in good spirits and they seem to be fine."

Afghan Interior Minister Ali Ahmad Jalali said the trio were "abandoned in one location inside Kabul" at around 6 a.m. Tuesday.

Jalali said discussions had been held with the kidnappers but insisted no deal was done and that the releases were unconditional.

"All those people who had a hand in this — directly or indirectly — will be brought to justice, "he said. Jalais said it was "possible" that a Taliban-linked group which has claimed responsibility for the kidnappings had hired some criminals to abduct the three, who helped organize the country's Oct. 9 presidential elections

The foreigners were freed a day after U.S. and Afghan forces raided two houses in downtown Kabul on Monday and detained 10 people in connection with the abductions.



Ruben Caronan, left, and daughter Alynne Marie, relatives of released hostage Angelito Nayan, are all smiles Tuesday after talking to reporters about their reactions in suburban Manila. Philipoines.

Most of the detainees were released after being questioned, an Afghan intelligence official said, and it was not clear if the arrest of a doctor who worked at a U.N. clinic in the city had hastened the hostages'

Jalali also said one person was killed and four injured in another police operation linked to the kidnapping north of Kabul on Monday. He declined to give details, saying it could endanger efforts to round up more suspects.

Officials said the three U.N. workers underwent medical examinations at a NATO base in Kabul that showed all were well and were then given time to call relatives and friends and to relax.

"It's a very happy moment, but also a very private moment," said Almeida e Silva, the U.N. spokesman. He said all three would travel home to their families "very soon."

Reports: Officials in Britain thwarted 9/11-style attacks

BY THOMAS WAGNER

LONDON — British security services thwarted planned Sept. 11-style terror attacks on Heathrow Airport and skyscrapers in Canary Wharf, a financial district of London, a television sta-

tion and a newspaper reported. But the reports, which quoted unidentified sources, did not say when or where the plots were uncovered, or how close they

came to being carried out.

The plans to crash planes into the two high-profile targets were among four or five attacks planned by terrorists linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network that security chiefs believe they prevented, ITV News said Monday night and the Daily Mail newspaper reported

in its Tuesday editions.

ITV News also said that British authorities had disrupted training programs for suicide pi-

Officials at Britain's Home Office and Metropolitan Police in London refused to comment. A spokesman at Prime Minister Tony Blair's Downing Street office said: "We never comment on security matters."

The Home Office and Britain's MI5 domestic security service are responsible for protecting the country against terrorist attacks.

Heathrow is one of the world's busiest airports. Canary Wharf, on the River Thames in east London, is the second-largest financial district in the capital and its three skyscrapers are

home to companies such as Cit ibank and HSBC bank.

A year and a half ago, Blair was accused of alarmism when British troops in armored vehicles surrounded Heathrow Air-

Blair's government insisted that the dramatic action came in response to specific intelli-

Last summer, Pakistan gave British officials intelligence suggesting that al-Qaida had plotted to attack Heathrow airport.

The information was found on the computers of two accused members of Osama bin Laden's terror network arrested in Pakistan. The computers held images of Heathnow.

es of Heathrow.

On Nov. 8, the head of the
MIS, Eliza Manningham-Buller,
said that counterterrorism efforts have helped to prevent attacks in Britain since the Sept.
11, 2001, attacks in the United
States. She provided no details
about such operations, but she
said that Britons face a "serious
and sustained threat" of terror
attacks at home and abroad.

Sir John Stevens, the commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, recently complained that he was not able to publicly discuss anti-terror successes for security reasons.

The ITV and Daily Mail reports came one day before Blair's government planned to outline its legislative program for the coming year, with crime and security likely to be the focus Plans for a national identity card in Britain were expected to be announced.

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Fatah party picks Abbas as presidential candidate

BY MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Interim Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas told parliament on Tuesday that he would follow in Yasser Arafat's footsteps and demand that Israel recognize the "right of return" of Palestinian refusees.

Abbas spoke a day after a small group of leaders of the ruling Fatah movement chose him as its candidate in Jan. 9 elections for Palestinian Authority president. The speech marked the first

The speech marked the first time since Arafat's death Nov. 11 that Abbas outlined his views on the conflict with Israel. Abbas appeared to be sending a message to Fatah's young guard that he would stand tough in future talks with Israel, despite his pragmism and opposition to violence. Abbas' ideas about a peace deal with Israel have always been close to those of Arafat: a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with east Jerusalem as a capital, and Israeli recognition of the "right of return" of some four million refugees and their descendants.

The refugee issue has contributed to the failure of previous peace talks. Israel has said it is willing to repatriate a few thousand refugees as a goodwill gesture, but that absorbing millions would destroy the Jewish character of the state.

At a memorial ceremony for Arafat at the Palestinian parliament, Abbas said he would walk in the footsteps of the late Palestinian leader. "We promise you (Arafat) that our heart will not rest until we achieve the right of return for our people and end the tragic refugee issue," he said.

Ukrainian opposition leader claims victory in vote

Yushchenko takes symbolic oath of office in parliament

BY ALEXANDER VASOVIC The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine - Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko defiantly claimed Ukraine's presidency Tuesday, taking a symbolic oath of office in parliament, as about 200,000 of his orange-clad supporters massed outside in the frigid streets of Kiev demanding the disputed election be overturned.

Yushchenko warned of "civil conflict" if he is not recognized as the country's new leader, accusing the government of rigging Sunday's run-off in favor of pro-Kremlin Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych

On the parliament floor, after a special session, Yushchenko approached the

podium and oath on a 300-year-old Bible as law makers who backed him shouted, "Bravo, Mr. President!

Outside, throngs his support-ers massed

behind metal barriers, holding a giant orange ribbon over their heads. They chanted "Criminals,

go away!" and "Yushchenko!" waved signs reading, Today or Never

Earlier, Yushchenko led the crowds in a march on the building, turning Kiev's narrow, brick streets into a sea of orange - the color of his campaign.

A huge crowd jammed Independence Square for a second straight night. Snow fell as Yushchenko's supporters waved flags and signs and chanted his name. Four trucks with sand, which

presumably could be deployed as barricades, were parked near the main square. Several other trucks loaded with sand and concrete rubble were parked about 400 yards the square, as were two

buses full of men, one of whom de-scribed them as "volunteers to

protect the constitution and pre-

BY TERENCE HUNT

The Associated Press

CARTAGENA, Colombia

Under a security web of war-

planes, ships and 15,000 troops,

President Bush praised Colom-

bia's battle against drugs and

Marxist guerrillas and pledged to

keep U.S. aid flowing so "this cou-

rageous nation can win its war

In a country that is the world's

largest producer of cocaine and a

major supplier of heroin, Bush said President Alvaro Uribe is

achieving results with a massive

against coca — the main ingredi-

ent in cocaine — and an aggres-

sive military buildup against in-

surgents, who fund themselves through drug trafficking, kidnap-

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Ukrainian media reported that people from Donetsk, an industrial city in eastern Ukraine that supported Yanukovych, were being bused in to the capital.

Ukraine is on the threshold of a civil conflict," the Western-leaning Yushchenko earlier told lawmakers in the chamber before his oath. "We have two choices: Either the answer will be given by the parliament, or the streets will give an answer

The legislators had gathered for the emergency session to consider his request to annul the election results with a vote of no-confidence in the Central Election Commission, but it ended without taking any action. Only 191 lawmakers turned up, and support from at least 226 members of the 450-seat parliament was needed

for a motion to succeed. Many pro-Yanukovych legislators sim-ply stayed away.

parliament vote would have been nonbinding anyway be-cause it was not initiated by the president, who supports Yush-

chenko's opponent.

Many of the legislators who did
show up sported orange scarves or ribbons and urged him to take the oath of office. Yushchenko's supporters filled the gallery,

chanting his name.
"All political forces should negotiate and solve the situation without blood," said Volodymyr Litvyn, speaker of parliament, ap-pealing for calm.

"The activities of politicians and the government ... have divid-ed society and brought people into to the streets," Litvyn said. "Today there is a danger of activities moving beyond control.

IMF: Gulf currencies should remain pegged to U.S. dollar

BY ADNAN MALIK The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain - Gulf countries should continue to peg their currencies to the U.S. dollar to help ease the transition to a planned single currency in the region. an International Monetary Fund official said Tuesday.

Continuing to peg their curren-cies to the dollar would "leave public policy makers on already familiar grounds and facilitate the transition" to a single currency for the six Gulf Cooperation Council countries, said Mohsin Khan, IMF director for the Middle East. Khan said once the new currency is adopted the countries could then consider a "cautious strategy" on exchange rate policy and possibly peg to other curren-cies, such as the euro, to promote

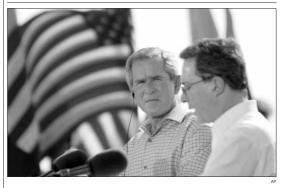
In 2001, the six GCC countries agreed to adopt a single currency by 2010, similar to the euro in the European Union. They hope the move will boost trade and economic integration in the region.

The GCC is a loose political and economic alliance comprising of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates. Since most exports and financial assets of the GCC have heen dollar-denominated, the peg has assured external stability.

Khan, speaking at a GCC monetary conference, said the move to the single currency would be diffi-cult but possible if the countries have the "political will" to do so.

Bahrain's Central Bank Governor Sheik Ahmed bin Mohammed Al Khalifa said the GCC countries remained committed to the unified currency.
"We are now reaching a point

of making some essential decisions on the convergence crite-ria," said Sheik Ahmed. "The creation of a unified currency will greatly increase the area's attrac-tiveness as a destination for foreign direct investment."



President Bush, left, looks over to Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, right, during a joint press conference at the Naval Academy on Monday in Cartagena, Columbia. Bush vows to keep aid flowing

Dolphins shield humans from man-eating shark

WELLINGTON, New Zealand - A pod of dolphins saved a group of swimmers from a predatory 10-foot great white shark off the northern New Zealand coast, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The unusual incident occurred Oct. 30 when lifeguard Rob Howes took his 15-year-old daughter Niccy and two of her friends swimming near the town of Whangarei, The Northern Advocate said.

The dolphins, "started to herd us up, they pushed all four of us to-gether by doing tight circles around us," Howes told the newspaper When Howes tried to break away from the protective group, two of the bigger dolphins herded him back, he said.

Survey: Groping common among Tokyo trains TOKYO - Nearly 64 percent of Japanese women in their 20s and

30s said in a survey they've been groped on trains, subways or at transit stations in Tokyo, according to a news report Tuesday.

In recent years "women only" cars have been used in December,

when trains are often packed with drunken male office workers on their way home from company parties.

U.S. consular office closes after receiving threat

BOMBAY, India - The U.S. Embassy closed its consular office in the coastal city of Bombay on Tuesday after receiving a threat of a possible terrorist attack.

"Although not specific, the information suggests that an attack could be aimed at U.S. interests in the cities of New Delhi or Bombay," said a statement issued by the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi. From The Associated Press

"The number of acres under cultivation are down significant-

Bush said Monday, standing with Uribe in shirt sleeves at sea-side lecterns. "The number of arrests are up. The number of murders is down. In other words, this

to Colombia to battle drug war

man's plan is working." Uribe said Colombia is winning

the fight, but has not yet won. "We have made progress but the serpent is still alive," Uribe said.

Bush left Cartagena for his Texas ranch to spend the Thanksgiving holiday, arriving in early evening. At Uribe's urging, he stopped off in this Caribbean seaport city after attending a summit in Chile of 21 Pacific Rim leaders Security was tight. U.S. Navy commandoes, toting

assault rifles and peering through binoculars, patrolled the Caribbean in rubber boats where submarines and ships already plied the waters. Warplanes and helicopters provided air cover while 15,000 Colombian security forces were deployed around the city for Bush's brief stay. Bush was here to strengthen re-

lations in Latin America, but he also responded to news from Iran, which claimed it had frozen all uranium enrichment activities The United States believes Iran is developing nuclear weap-

Sounding skeptical about Iran's claim, Bush said, "Well, let's say I hope it's true."

But unwilling to take Iran's word, Bush said, Iran must allow for verification of its claims. "I think the definition of truth is the willingness for the Iranian regime to allow for verification," the president said.

Since Uribe came to power two years ago, Plan Colombia has helped jail scores of traffickers and reduce the coca crop by 20 percent for two years in a row, according to the White House.

on high earners

BY TAMI LUHBY Newsday

Attention all those making more than \$100.000: The Internal Revenue Service is watching you more closely.

The agency has been ramping up its examinations of high-income filers, which it defines as households with incomes of more

\$100,000. IRS Commission er Mark Everson said Thursday. The audit rate has jumped to 1.47 percent of all returns for the 2004 fiscal year which ended Sept. 30, up 86 percent from fiscal year 2001 Those earning than

this has risen by 56 percent since

returns were examined this year

for the first time in five years.

The rate for all individuals was

Making sure high-income peo-

ple pay their share of taxes

More than 1 million individual

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The agency admits that it is paying more attention to those with high incomes because their audits could bring in more moneu.

turn who earns \$500,000 before one who earns \$100,000. son said. One wealthy people try to skirt the law is by setting up tax shelters, Everson said. The IRS has been cracking down on these vehicles

including those that were offered by high-profile accounting firms as Ernst & Young and

helped the agency bring in a record \$43.1 billion in enforce-

ment revenue, up 15 percent

from a year earlier. The IRS also

has focused on large corpora-

tions, and hopes to expand to

small businesses and nonprofits

in the coming year. Everson said

"The great majority of Ameri-cans pay their fair share of taxes,"

But the agency

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The IRS has boosted its enforcement staff by 1,500 in the past

IRS to keep eye | CD guilty of corruption

Ask Jim

Q. I used Nero to burn a Memorex CD-R with some photographs in JPG files, and not every— Walt Hollin hody can make that disc work in their computers Specifically, the CD reads OK on my desktop machine and on a friend's laptop.

However, on my nephew's laptop we get a message that the CD is corrupted and can't be read. My computer uses Windows 98SE, my friend is Windows XP, and my nephew is on Windows XP. How can this happen?

— John Gwynn @juno.com A. The problem vexing the three of you folks is

not a software glitch or even bad hardware, since all those computers are capable of read ing other CDs, just not this one. The problem is that the CD in question is somehow warned or otherwise a tad off center for one of those two laptops you

Because laptop CD drives are built in much more thin cases than desktop drives, the tolerance for error is much less in finding the exact spot on a CD with its bootup information. A drive must find this boot sector first before it can read anything off the disc.

Think of it like a flashlight shining on something up close and something far-

ther away. The farther away, the larger the circle of light. Even though they are supposed to be tightly focused laser beams, the footprint on the reading light for CDs and DVDs is larger and more tolerant in the larger desktop drives than for the lap-

We're talking tiny distances here, things on the order of a human hair's width. The fix, of course, is to make another copy for

your nephew's laptop. It would be best if you use a blank disc from a different batch than the one that produced the dud. O. Each time I try to open up a JPG file on my

computer, I get an error notice "Cannot find pictureviewer.exe." I am running Windows 98SE

- Walt Hollingshed @cox.net A It is safe to say that somewhere over the many years the computer was in use, some software was loaded onto it that assigned a program called pictureviewer.exe to display photographs in the JPG format. That software appears to be gone now

You can try to find whatever pictureviewer.exe is or just assign some other program to display JPG photo files. Most people use Microsoft Internet Explorer to display these photos because it works very fast and permits one to do things like make a

desktop background out of the image, e-mail it or save it to a new location Let's cover setting up Internet Explorer first.

To specify the program that runs whenever a given icon gets clicked (called the file association), just find any icon for a JPG on your machine and give a right-click. You should see a choice called "Open with" in the menu that pops up. If not, holding down the Shift key while clicking will bring up the "Open with" option.

This brings up a typical Windows search box, in which you can click on various folders to home in on the actual program you want to run at each click. Point the

search display to the Program Files director on the C: drive and then scroll down to Internet Explorer. Then, open that folder and select the file iexplore.exe to associate with the icon. If you want to restore the pictureviewer.exe for

opening photos, you can find it by clicking on Start and Find and then using that file name as a search

I'll bet, however, that you'll be happier just sticking with iexplore.exe, as most users do for these

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Wait for Social Security

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK - When you choose to begin receiving your Social Security benefits is an important retirement decision, one you shouldn't take lightly. Money magazine reports that

seven in 10 people opt to receive their Social Security benefits before reaching full retirement age at 65.

That's not always the best choice

You would be well advised to start taking your money out at 62 if the following reasons apply:

- You need the income your Social Security benefits would provide.
- Your health is poor. Also consider your family medical history and family longevity. You might not want to gamble on being around to collect higher Social Security benefits.
- Your break-even point is a decade or more away, writes Robert C. Carlson in "The New Rules of Retirement." That's the

point in time when you would come out ahead by waiting to receive your Social Security benewhen those full retirement benefits would eclinse the amount accumulated had you begun receiving benefits at 62.

On the other hand, you should wait until full retirement at age 65 or later for the following rea-

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- close enough that you could benefit from waiting ■ You are still employed. If
- you are working and collect Social Security before you reach full retirement age, your bene-fits may be reduced. You could even end up losing money. Carlson estimates that \$1 in benefits is lost for every \$2 of employment earnings above the Social Security limit. The limit applies only to people taking their bene-fits before full retirement age. and is adjusted annually based on inflation.
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Religion's role in history

I'd like to respond to the letter "Keep religion in church," (Nov. 14), which re-ferred to the Crusades and "Christian ideals and arrogance.

The Crusades, according to professor and writer Bernard Lewis, are a "long-delayed, very limited and finally ineffectual response to the jihad." Muhammad led the first, and with his followers the jihad spread into Asia, Africa and three times into Europe. To say the attempted return to Christianity of lands conquered by Islam is Christian-initiated aggression is incorrect. These untruths and the comparison that we are "fighting the same war are damaging to our mission, which the writer says he fully supports, because they are not only historically inaccurate but

also damaging to American credibility. Simple history and simple arithmetic: Athens practiced democracy at 400 B.C.; the Quran was revealed near A.D. 600. Democracy was around "long before" Islam "was even thought of."

Does the letter writer "scoff at Christian ideals," such as not committing murder or adultery and not stealing or giving false testimony? Check out the Uniform Code of Military Justice: It agrees with these ide-als. The "moral majority" must be the 78.3 percent of Americans polled in 2001 who consider themselves Christian, Jewish or Muslim. So, we have religious references in the Declaration of Independence, the vows of marriage, swearing-in at court and our Army song, ad nauseum.

There is hope, though, that this "oppression" will end and there will be no more people "burned at the stake." If the new liberal mind-set cannot handle the job, perhaps the letter writer may appeal to his "God, our Father, the Creator" for guidance — the chapel is available 24/7

Spc. Brett Eldridge Camp Falcon/Ferrin-Huggins, Iraq

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Pro athletes go too far

I am still in shock after watching the ESPN highlights of the fight/riot that took place during the Nov. 19 basketball game between the Pacers and the Pistons. Not only am I appalled at the actions of the players, but also because the ESPN analysts as well as some of the coaches actually condoned the players' behavior. One of the coaches stated that all the players should have gone into the crowd, and then he laughed and joked about the situation.

I believe three distinct actions led to this situation: Ron Artest committing a hard intentional foul on Ben Wallace; Wallace overreacting and shoving Artest; and Artest jumping into the crowd. Stephen Jack son, one of the players, then jumped into the crowd and began beating people. Stephen A. Smith, an ESPN analyst, stated these were actions that anyone would have done

I cannot speak for everyone, but if I were making millions of dollars a year, I

would have kept to myself. The actions of these players shed light on their true character: They are spoiled, overpaid crimi-nals. The children who were at this game were in tears and probably traumatized by the whole situation. I have witnessed other fights between NBA players, specifically Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson. Both teams got involved in this fight but the crowd did not. As far as I can remember, no one jumped into the crowd and started beating fans.

So this is what professional sports is coming to: drug users, drug abusers, assaults and little to no punishment. The killer is that they will be still playing and making millions. Is this what we are fighting for in Iraa?

Staff Sgt. Michael Steele RAF Lakenheath, England

NCOs make key corrections

In response to the letter "NCOs: Do what's right," (Nov. 19), I applaud the writer's zeal to do what is right in theater. I have been to Camp Arifian, Kuwait, a few times and apparently uniform corrections are the biggest worry there. Come to Iraq, my friend. Noncommissioned officers here make corrections often. However. those corrections cover topics such as equipment and soldier safety since no one knows when the next ambush will be

Proper uniform wear is important, but when your deployment is in an area where you actually earns your combat pay, more important corrections are done, thus putting nitpicking corrections on the back burner. But when my convoy rolls into Arifjan to lavish in the luxuries there, we will try to be in proper uniform. But realize, after numerous ambushes, roadside bombs and several days on the road with no time to remove our grungy wear, the last thing on our minds will be if a pen is protruding from our pockets. Sgt. Mark D. Tuck Sr.

Taii, Iraa

No leeway in dealing with Iran threat

ere are two stark truths to be kept in mind as Britain. Germany and France continue their negotiations with Iran, the first being that virtually no one doubts that this terrorist-friend-

Jay Ambrose

ly, autocratic theocra-cy has been plotting and maneuvering for vears to acquire nuclear weaponry.

The second is that under no circumstances can the United States allow the acquisition to occur, not unless we are fools willing to put hundreds of thousands of American lives at peril, to put Israel at peril and

to grant that the Middle East will become

Iran's playfield, a place where its nuclear heft will cause others to tiptoe.

Lately, the three European nations have expressed satisfaction in winning an agreement from Iran to stop uranium enrichment in exchange for economic goodies and light-water reactor fuel. But watch out: Iran has sounded conciliatory before only to pull fast ones, the United States and an Iranian group outside the country have already issued warnings of deception and danger, and the light-water fuel itself could be used to develop nuclear bombs if Western observation is insufficient.

The U.S. position has been to have the U.N. Security Council consider sanctions, which conceivably might get Iran's attention. Because Iran has a significant democratic movement, some in the Bush administration have voiced hopes that the ruling ayatollahs might someday be displaced, a solution devoutly to be wished. And there have been whispers about mili-

tary action, although an invasion of Iran might make Iraq look like a picnic. Relying on bombs to take out nuclear facilities such as Israel did to an Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981 — is difficult for many reasons, such as the fact that they could be all over the place, hard to find and fortified

Despite all these difficulties, stark truth No. 2 must take precedence over stark truth No. 1. Iran must be made to know that the United States will not permit it to have nuclear weapons, that our power does count for something in this world despite the cries against its being used, and that Iran's best course is quickly to reach an agreement that offers the best possible safeguards that it will never make a nuclear weapon.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

With GOP victory, last Powell army retreats

he Washington wars over foreign policy may not have ended, but one side is clearly in retreat.

The departure of Colin Powell from the State Department and the purge at the CIA are clear signals that the realist



camp is reeling.

The ideologues and their two champions — Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Don Rumsfeld — stand trium-

feld — stand triumphant.

The Bush administration has been fractured by the battle between these two

camps. Advocates of diplomacy and alliances butted heads with fans of force and the unhindered exercise of American power

Their policy war has taken place in very real ways. The realists lost the big one—the decision to go to war in Iraq. When it came to North Korea and Iran's nuclear weapons programs, the realists and the ideologues fought to a standstill, leaving the administra-

tion with no clear policy.

In the wake of the election, Powell, the anointed leader of the realist camp, went to the president and offered to stay on. He expressed "concerns" about the way national security policy has been made that, in the words of a senior State Department official, "may have sounded like conditions."

President Bush, however, had already taken sides. "The president basically wanted to clear this side of the house,"

the official told me

Along with Powell, several senior officials will head out the door. Among them will be Powell's fierce ally and deputy, Rich Armitage, as well as Assistant Secretary of State Jim Kelly, who runs East Asia policy and is the chief neeotiator with North Korea. Oth-

ers will follow soon

With the notable exception of North Korea, the ideologues left Asia to the realists. That's why American relations with that part of the globe are a bright spot for the Bush administration.

The American strategic partnership with India has deepened, while Armitage and friends deftly managed to keep Pakistan an ally in the war against Islamic extremism. This team elevated our alliance with Japan to near-British levels. And they did this while tightening ties with a rival rising Asian power, China, steering through some perilous waters on the way.

Less tangibly, but not less important, Powell restored the morale of the diplomats in the State Department. While it often is the target of cheap attacks, the Foreign Service represents an invaluable trove of knowledge, when a president choses to use it.

Given all that, what does the replacement of Powell with Condolecza Rice suggest? In policy terms, Rice has realist roots that are not that distant from Powell. But the former Stanford professor and Soviet specialist has been distinguished more during the past four years by her family-like ties with the president. She may have sided with Powell or with Cheney at different moments, but her allegiance is to Bush.

Powell has tried to reassure senior staff at State that having a secretary of State with



WHO SAYS I NEVER LISTENTO COLIA POWELL?

that kind of intimate access to the president can be an advantage. And it is not unprecedented. Henry Kissinger also moved from national security adviser to State during Nixon's second term. And Jim Baker went from White House insider to become George H.W. Bush's man at State. But those precedents offer a cautionary

note as well. Both Kissinger and Baker had little use for the State Department. They sat over there, along with a tight circle of aides, but did not empower the building. As Baker famously said, he was the White House's man in the State De-

Best case, Rice will draw upon State's

best case, Rice will draw upon State's well of expertise, particularly in areas auch as Asia where she has little experience. But if I had to guess, the Rice era at State will be formed in the Baker mold.

Many at State have apparently reached the same conclusion. There have been a record number of retirements of senior officials this year, and a surge since Powell made his announcement. It is not yet a sinking ship, but they seem to be heading for drier ground.

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Civil service in for much-needed rude awakening

BY JAMES K. GLASSMAN

Scripps Howard

orter Goss, the new CIA director, is cleaning house. It's about time.
The next step is to apply his strategy—call it Gossification—to the rest of the federal bureaucracy.

Goss, an ex-CIA agent, had been chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, and he knew that the agency was a nest not merely of spies but of devious opponents of President Bush who were working to undermine him because they preferred to run their own foreign policy.

According to a recent column by Robert Novak, Goss got the green light from the president and from Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. "With leaks intended to harm the re-election campaign of the president of the United States," McCain said of the CIA, "it is not only dysfunctional but a rogue organization. ... It has to be cleaned out."

Goss removed the head of clandestine operations. The No. 2 CIA official resigned, along with four other senior officials. The new director issued a memorandum, stating, "I also intend to clarify beyond doubt the rules of the road. We support the administration and its policies in our work. As agency or champion opposition to the administration or its policies."

CIA leakers and their friends in the press. But Goss was right. In fact, it's time to apply Gossification to other anti-Bush strongholds, notably the State Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

With the election of Bush to a second term, Republicans will hold the White House for 20 of 28 years; the Senate, 16 years; the House, 12 years straight. But this sea change has had little effect on the executive branch itself. There are just 3,000 politi-

cal appointees, compared with a civil service of 1.8 million workers, "many of whom," writes Washington Post reporter Dana Milbank, "are impossible to fire." Presidential nominees take an average of

eight months to be approved by Congress.

Worse, many, if not most, career civil servants at middle and upper levels resist implementing policies they don't like and do their best to shape their own.

Such bureaucrats often lean left — be-

Such dureaucrats often lean left — because federal jobs attract people who believe in a missionary government and because Democrats controlled Washington almost continuously for a half-century. But the White House seems finally to be making

bureaucratic transformation a top priority:
The next target has to be State My brief
experience on an advisory board examining
public diplomacy revealed Foreign Service
officers seething with contempt for Bush,
whom they consider an uncultured, unilateralist dolf

One of the first tasks of the newly nominated secretary, Condoleezza Rice, must be to lay down the law, Goss-style, at State.

For help. I hope she'll take John Bolton as

For help, I hope she'll take John Bolton as deputy. Bolton, now an undersecretary, is the architect of the Proliferation Security Initiative, which The Wall Street Journal said "has arguably been Colin Powell's most important achievement at State." Bolton. who was earlier my colleague at

the American Enterprise Institute, has served in the executive branch for 16 years, and he's a brilliant bureaucratic navigator. Indeed, the White House should put some-

muceed, the writer rolous should put softeone like Bolton in the No. 2 post of every department and key agency, with explicit responsibility for rooting out administration
opponents and gaining control of policy.
How to do that when bureaucrats have the
equivalent of academic tenure? Make their
lives miserable, transfer them or re-educate
them. But don't leave them in place.

Particularly in need of transformation are the Labor Department, which is practically a union local; Justice; Treasury; Education; the Food and Drug Administration; the Environmental Protection Agency; and the SEC.

In the past, activist Republican secretaries have gathered a coterie of like-minded political appointees and tried to run hostile departments on their own. But Bush's sweeping second-term policy proposals preclude a Fort Apache approach.

The attitude of many top bureaucrats can be summed up thus: "This is 'my' agency. The politicals are only renting a room for a while. I can ignore them and subvert them. Eventually, they will leave." Such careerists won't be tamed easily. But

the work needs to begin, and Porter Goss has shown the way. Other "rogue organizations," in McCain's felicitous phrase, are crying out for the same treatment.

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BY BRUCE TINSLEY

Mallard Fillmore

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Pesky cell phones

NY CENTRAL ISLIP—A 17-year-old girl was sentenced to 21 days in jail for contempt when her cell phone rang after a judge warned everyone in the courtroom to shut off all electronic devices.

Mariela Acevedo was

in court when District Court Judge Salvatore Alamia issued his warning. "If you don't know how to shut it

if you don't know now to snut in off, go outside and introduce it to the heel of your shoe," he said, according to a transcript reported in Newsday. When Acevedo's phone subse-

quently sounded, Alamia asked the teenager, "Did you think I was playing with you?"

When she told him she thought it had been turned off, the judge sentenced her to 21 days.

Panhandler hit by truck

AL BIRMINGHAM — A truck driver gave a panhandler \$1, then struck and killed the man as he drove his rig away. Police said it was possible the driver didn't know what happened.

Michael Burns, 43, who had no known address, was standing near an interstate ramp and holding a cardboard sign: "Homeless. Need Help. God Bless."

Witnesses and police said a trucker who was stopped for a red light gave a dollar to Burns. As the truck started making a left turn, its trailer knocked Burns down, and two sets of the truck's tires ran over him.

The truck had no identifiable markings, and witnesses weren't able to get a tag number.

Officer Randall Ward said it appears to be an accident.

Not promoting porn

KS SALINA — A man spent a week on the roof of one of two adult bookstores in town to protest a movement to have the stores investigated for obscenity.

Ray Morris, 38, came down from his perch on top of Behind Closed Doors after staying in a tent there for a week.

"I can't stress enough that I am not promoting porn," Morris said. "I'm promoting the idea of choice. Everyone has a right to choose whether they want to enter these stores."

Some local residents are gathering signatures in a petition drive to force a grand jury to investigate whether Behind Closed Doors and another store, Priscilla's, are promoting obscenity by selling sex products.

Lost purse returned

CASPER — Two college students returned a lost purse to its owner, not knowing the handbag contained her life savings of \$43,000

Derek Hepner and Adam Simanton spotted the purse lying in the gutter of a Casper street as they drove past it. Stopping to examine the bag, they pulled out a wallet and an Arizona driver's license and immediately took the purse to police.

What they didn't see was an envelope containing \$43,000 in cash that was the owner's life savings, police Sgt. Larry Baker said.

The owner had been traveling through Casper and apparently

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misplaced her purse during a stop, police said.

The woman phoned Hepner to inform him of a \$200 reward for the two Casper College students. Hepner is studying criminal justice, and Simanton plans to be a lawver.

Birthday party death

LAS CRUCES — A junior at New Mexico State University died after his 21st birthday celebration led to alcohol poison-

ing, according to the university. Steven Judd of El Paso, Texas, marked his birthday with other Delta Chi fraternity members at two Las Cruces bars, police Lt. Randy Lara said.

Fraternity members called for help after finding Judd unconscious and not breathing. He died the next day.

Lara said police have no evidence of foul play or hazing.

NMSU has begun an investigation and has informed the national Delta Chi organization of the incident, university spokeswoman Maureen Howard said.

Shortcut to the mall

SOUTH BURLINGTON —
The city is opening an unpaved shortcut to the University
Mall and Dorset Street to help ease
traffic congestion during the holiday shopping season.



Nintendo is back
Shitiana Mathews, 14, right, and
her sister Tia Mathews, 10, both of
Los Angeles, try out the new
Nintendo DS video game system
prior to the first sales in North
America at EB Games in the
Universal CityWalk in Los Angeles.

The unpawed Manket Street, an
east-west street that
connects Dorset Street
with Hinesburg Road,
will close again after the
holidays because it is not
in good enough shape to
withstand the heavy snowplowing likely required in
January, said City Planner
Juli Beth Hinds.

Market Street is a key part of South Burlington's envisioned downtown. The city will hire a consultant to conduct a market study to show what type of development would be sustainable in downtown, which is bordered by Dorset Street, Hinesburg Road, Kennedy Drive and Williston Road.

Missile silos for sale

WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE — Warnings against digging more than two feet into the ground because of cancer-causing chemicals haven't stopped people from buying 130 of the 150 former missile silo plots the federal government is selling in Missouri.

The Air Force removed the solid-fueled Minuteman II missiles and destroyed the underground silos years ago, but the soil is still contaminated with fuel, asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, found in waterproof coatings on the silos and underground fuel storage tanks.

Much of the property is being bought back by the farmers who owned the land before the government took it 40 years ago to install the silos.

Some farmers said they purchased the plots just to ensure that no one else grabbed them.

Tiger injures owner

FI ST. AUGUSTINE — The owner of a wildlife sanctuary was injured by a 350-pound Siberian tiger when the animal was startled by a 14-year-old boy, officials said.

Curt LoGiudice jumped between the tiger and the boy, who was uninjured but knocked to the ground with LoGiudice.

St. Johns County Sheriff's deputies had to shoot the animal twice with stun guns to get it to release LoGiudice, who kept his grip on the tiger's leash and was able to calm it down and take it back to his sanctuary before driving himself to a hospital.

LoGiudice suffered a puncture wound on one eye lid and behind one ear, according to the police re-

Girl sexually assaulted

MN HASTINGS — A man convicted of raping a teenage girl in 1994 has been charged with sexually assaulting a 9-year-old girl after a judge gave him custody of her last month.

Justin P. Farnsworth, 31, was charged with three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct involving the daughter of his ex-girlfriend.

The ex-girlfriend, who lived three hours away in Minnesota, agreed last month that Farnsworth could keep the 9-year-old as well as the couple's two younger daughters, court records show. The three girls had lived with him for more than a year.

There is no indication that the

younger girls were abused, said Hastings Sgt. Jim Rgnonti.

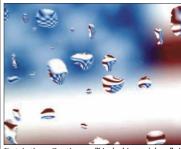


I see vou...

A yellow Labrador retriever peers out a hole in the yard fence at a house in Baton Rouge, La.



Cleaning up Ubaldo Rubio, left, and Ricardo Hernandez, employees of International Building Services in Atlanta. wash windows at the federal building in Oxford. Miss.



Patriotic reflections Water droplets on a window reflect the American flag painted on the side of Artique Frame Palette on Market Street in Hannibal, Mo.



Dancing colors

Angelie Vasuez, left, and other members of the Millenia Dance Team, from the Fame Performing Arts Center, perform during the second annual Walk Thru The Arts at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers, Fla.



Tall Teddy Allison Fahrenholz, 4, poses for a photo with Corduroy the bear, a character from a children's book series, during Children's Book Week at the Penfield Public Library in Penfield, N.Y.



Behind the Brits

Tad Patton, 13, wears a mask with
the flag of the United Kingdom
during the Mobile International
Festival at the Mobile Civic Center
in Mobile, Ala.



Snow Won't stop me An ATV rider makes his way down a snow covered street in Yucaipa, Calif.

Let's flip for it

PRAIRIE CITY — A professional blackjack dealer had "Lady Luck" on his side when he won a coin toss to decide who would be the next mayor of this small ranching community.

Jim Hamsher, 39, and former mayor Paul Woodworth, 80, each received 125 votes Nov. 2 as write-in candidates for mayor of Prairie City.

Both candidates agreed to a coin toss to determine the winner. Hamsher called "heads" as City

Recorder Diane Clingman flipped a commemorative rodeo medal with a bucking horse on one side and the year on the other.

The horse landed up, giving Hamsher the victory.

Holiday free speech

CRANSTON — The holiday decorations display at City Hall that included more than a dozen plastic pink flamingos in Santa hats dinth break laws governing the separation of church and state, but Mayor Stephen Laffey's regulation of what was put in last winter's exhibit did violate free speech provisions, a federal judge has ruled.

Judge William Smith said he couldn't find any religious purpose in the mayor's decorating efforts, but did find that Laffey's policy of reviewing items for their appropriateness acted to restrain free speech, and therefore violated the First Amendment.

Last winter, Laffey encouraged residents to put seasonal displays he deemed appropriate on City Hall's front lawn. First a menorah went up, then an inflatable snowman and Santa Claus, and after that a Nativity scene appeared. Then, a flock of plastic flamingos showed up, courtesy of the Church of the Pink Flamingo.

Doctor charged in death

PROVO—A practitioner of alternative medicine who allegedly discouraged a woman with breast cancer from getting chemotherapy has been charged in her death.

David Eugene Pontius, 61, was charged with unlawful and unprofessional conduct for treating the woman for six months before she died Oct. 20. He faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted on all three counts.

Diane Shepherd allegedly refused chemotherapy and surgery from her physician and instead relied on Pontius' holistic treatment after being diagnosed with cancer in April, according to court documents

Pontius allegedly determined that Shepherd's cancer developed because of gangrene and mercury poisoning in her teeth. His treatment included chiropractic adjustments and a diet with apricot kernels.

Politics is for girls

BATON ROUGE — With his grandmother as an example, 4-year-old David Boulet sees the state's top job as women's work.

Gov. Kathleen Blanco told The Advocate of Baton Rouge that her daughter, Monique Blanco Boulet, recently asked David what he wants to be when he grows up. He wasn't sure, so Boulet offered some suggestions: Soldier? Fire-fighter? Policeman? Airplane pilor? None of them excited David. His mother finally asked, "Well, how about governor?"

David looked at her, exasperat-

"Mom," he said, "I'm a boy."

Asphalt scandal

CHICAGO — Federal officials charged a city employee with engineering a series of deals in which hundreds of tons of city-owned asphalt were traded for payoffs from private contractors.

In at least three instances, big loads of stolen asphalt were hauled to private jobs by drivers who were being paid by the city through a scandal-plagued program to outsource hauling jobs, federal prosecutors said.

Patrick Stillo, 50, the foreman of a city asphalt-spreading crew, was arrested and charged with bribery. He was released on a \$10,000 unsecured bond.

An FBI affidavit accompanying the criminal complaint quoted a truck driver who served as an undercover cooperating witness as saying Stillo authorized him to deliver city-owned asphalt to private contractors.

Booth letter sells big

MA BOSTON — A letter written by President Lincoln's assassin two months before the 1865 slaying sold at auction for a record \$68,000.

In the letter, dated Feb. 9, 1865, John Wilkes Booth asks a friend to send him one of his favorite pictures of himself, the one that later was used in his wanted poster.

The previous high for a Booth letter was \$38,000, according to Stuart Whitehurst, vice president of Skinner Inc. auctioneers.

There are just 17 Booth letters not owned by institutions, White-hurst said. This letter was addressed to family friend Orlando Tompkins of Boston. He tells Tompkins he "will get any letter sent to Ford's Theatre."

Sport utility vandalism

CA LOS ANGELES — A graduate student was convicted of setting fire to dozens of sport utility vehicles in an attack by radical environmentalists that caused \$2.3 million in damage.

William Jensen Cottrell, 24, was found guilty of conspiracy and arson. The jury acquitted him of a more serious charge of attempting to use a destructive device — Molotov coctails. That charge carried at least 30 years in prison.

He could get at least five years behind bars at sentencing March

Cottrell, a doctoral candidate at the California Institute of Technology, was charged in a 2003 firebombing and vandalism spree at auto dealerships and homes in the San Gabriel Valley east of Los Angeles.

About 125 vehicles were damaged or destroyed. The vandals spray-painted polluter" and "smog machine" on some vehicles, along with "ELF," for the radical environmental group Earth Liberation Front.

Stories and photos from wire services

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He'll play only at home

Dennis Rodman is playing bas-ketball again in a bid to return to the NBA, but for now he's not venturing far from his California

Rodman's debut with the Orange County Crush of the Ameri-can Basketball Association begins next month. But his contract

is only for home games.

Rodman, 43, "doesn't want to deal with all the hoopla that comes along with being Dennis Rodman when he travels." said Shannon Barr, his publicist.

Still, the seven-time rebound-ing champion will leave home for some things: At the moment he's in Houston shooting a television commercial to be aired during the Super Bowl. Barr said.

The Crush has its first game Sunday but Rodman won't even start practice for another week to 10 days. The first home game is Dec. 9.

Motherhood's the prize

Diana Ross looked every inch the diva as she pulled up to Mu-sictech College in St. Paul, Minn. in a black stretch limo and got out wrapped in a thick fur coat and wearing

dark glasses Striding

across a specially rented red carpet leading the school door, Ross beamed she accented a bouquet of white roses and signed



record albums held out for her au-

But inside the small music conservatory, where a new full scholarship was named in her honor Saturday, Ross told an audience of more than 100 students that it's not divadom that defines her it's motherhood.

"I'm more a mom than I am a celebrity, even though I know you know me as a celebrity. I'm a mother first," she said

Sidekick signs deal

Robin Quivers, shock jock Howard Stern's longtime side-kick, is making a solo move to-

Ouivers has signed a deal with Sony Pictures Television to develop a syndicated talk show for day time TV, the company announced Monday.

The potential series could debut by fall 2005. Quivers will continue her work on Stern's radio show while developing her TV show, Sony said.

There was no indication whether she planned to remain with Stern if her show gets a green light. A call to her manager in New York was not immediately returned Monday.

Quivers, a former nurse in the

Air Force who achieved the rank of captain, began her radio ca-reer in Washington, D.C., in 1980 and teamed with Stern the next

In October, Stern announced a deal with Sirius Satellite Radio to move his program in January 2006 from traditional broadcasting to satellite distribution - and away from regulation.

From The Associated Press

TOBY KEITH

Let's talk about him — the Oklahoma boy

BY JULIE E. BISBEE The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY - Toby Keith didn't have to go to Nashville to become a country music superstar. Nashville came to Oklaho-

Keith - who recently won two American Music Awards - has never strayed too far from his Sooner State roots, working long days in oil fields, playing semiprofessional football and raising racehorses.

"Most artists moved to Nashville," Keith said recently, lounging on a leather couch in his tour bus. "I never did have an address there. I was there for one day and never felt the need for more."

Instead of traveling to the Tennessee country music mecca, he honed his craft in the whiskey halls and bars of the Southwest for nearly a decade

Keith, whose hits include "I Wanna Talk

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Toby Keith

About Me," and "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)," began play-ing guitar at age 8 after receiving one for Christmas. Later, he toured with his band Easy Money — in between playing semipro football for the Oklahoma Drillers and then a short stint with the Oklahoma Outlaws

When the Outlaws failed and his football career was finally over, Keith put his energy

into his music He toured 51 weeks a year, hitting honky tonks and music halls from Oklahoma to Texas to Colorado.

"It was the only way we could make enough money," he said.

"Nothing ain't worth having if it's not worth fighting for. I was only going to do it for 10 years and it was getting pretty close.

But before he could quit and head back to the oil fields of Oklahoma, he got a deal with Mercury Records.

"They came to me," he says with a smirk Keith put out three albums with Mercury before switching to DreamWorks, which allowed him the freedom to record the witty, occasionally redneck lyrics that have become anthems for country fans and non-fans alike.

Keith doesn't mince words when describing Nashville and the industry he says has reluctantly embraced him. Despite nearly two dozen country award nominations, he's only taken home a handful.

In 2003, the Academy of Country Music named him Entertainer of the Year — but he wasn't there to pick it up. Thinking his chances were slim, he left the ceremony to work on a song with Willie Nelson.

"The awards are kind of like the All-Star game," Keith said. "You take your turn at bat, smile and give

everybody the finger and leave." That's Keith for you — honest and blunt. That grit translates into his drinking anthems, his ballads and his collection of post-Sept. 11, 2001, patriotic songs.

Keith has written nearly all the songs he's recorded and says he writes when he gets the inspiration

'I'll do it for five minutes here, or I'll be thinking about while I'm in the shower, Keith said. "I never could write by appointment.

Straightforward lyrics and edgy guitar riffs have given him staying power.

"It was important everybody speak their mind," Keith said. "But if you're going to speak up, at least have something to say Recently, Keith's been talking about a lot

more than music in his home state. As a horseman, he championed a proposal recently approved by voters that expands casino-like gambling to the state's struggling horse racing tracks. Keith also stumped for a

ma's Democratic Gov. Brad Henry.

"I campaign for my friends, people I can trust," said Keith, who is a registered Democrat in Oklahoma but nonetheless supported President Rush

"I think Toby is passionate about Oklahoma and truly wants to make the state a better place," Oklahoma's governor said. "Instead of sitting on the sidelines, he's gotten involved in issues he believes are important.

Keith is keeping his wealth in Oklahoma. He and his family live near Norman, home to Keith's beloved University of Oklahoma Soon-

His latest project is a \$4.7 million restaurant and music hall in Oklahoma City's fledgling entertainment district. Bricktown. The venture, "Toby Keith's I Love This Bar



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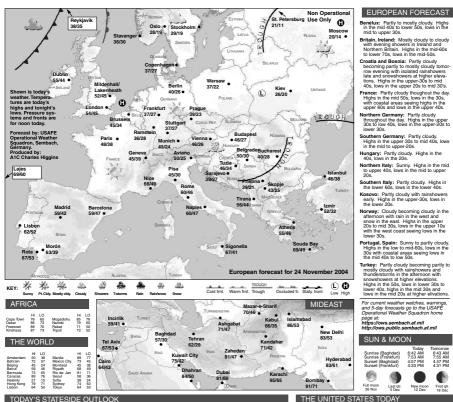
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Horoscope

Venus trines the revolutionary planet. A jolt could cause a degree of personal discomfort but may nonetheless be terrific **Holiday Mathis** for a relationship. The connection between raised levels of anxiety and passionate excitement cannot be denied. It's being unsure about what's going to happen next that makes love such a rush

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (November 24). Your

talents are recognized this vear. New partners in business are featured next month - your financial sector flourishes when you join a winning team. Loved ones bend over backward to make you happy through January, but it's when you reciprocate that you get an incredible influx of luck. Public mention boosts business in February

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When the sun is shining down nicely

on a relationship, it seems to you to be a good moment to provoke a storm. That's why loving you is such an adventure. Be aware of what you're doing and your motivation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You've got nothing to lose by being outspoken, but being shy could damage your chance at succeeding in business. Anything to keep others from pigeonholing your talent will be lucky. An association with a Virgo is

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Many new demands come into you world, and the old ones aren't going anywhere. The result is a glut of sorts. If you keep your optimism people and events organize them selves without your having to figure

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Just as the moon glows in the reflection of the sun, you glow in the reflection of someone who is a star in your life. Giving to someone else helps you know, and find a deeper love for, yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As your career lopes along at a sluggish pace, a friend's career may be taking off like a rocket. You would

benefit from marketing yourself differently, which could be complex or as simple as buving a spiffy

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Stay out of the family drama, Don't

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and innuendoes abound. Set the record straight.

LIBRA (Sept.

23-0ct. 23). An opinion you hold that once seemed relevant — or necessary even - now appears to be dead wrong. No amount of convincing will make it

right. Just drop it. Tonight, a love story will be whispered to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Receive as readily as you give! You could make a love connection by flirting outrageously. That pricey item you'd like to splurge on will come down in price if you just wait it out

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An imitation between loved ones need only last a few minutes but it could go on all day if you let it. A happy resolution is at hand the moment you outline the problem and make a new agreement.

another few weeks

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Winning is not as important as having fun. At work, a lot of talk flies around, and you are easily persuaded by what you hear. Consider the source. Someone is trying to get your attention with a subtle and lovely gesture.

AOUARIUS (Ian. 20-Feb. 18).

Relationships take a trip down memory lane. A question once posed by fictional relationship columnist Carrie Bradshaw comes to mind: Can you get to the future if your past is present? You'll find out

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Self-determination is the key word Think for yourself, and gain recognition as an independent problem solver. That doesn't mean you shouldn't stay in the loop, though! Take time to absorb the latest input from friends

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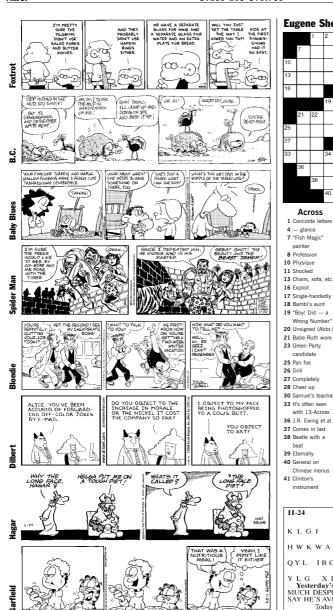












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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals T

Daughter's demon phase worrying

Dear Abby: The recent behavior of my 13-year-old daughter, Julie, has begun to concern me She and I are very close. It has been just the two of us up until the last two years. I plan to be married next spring

Last July we moved to a small town, and Julie was upset about it, but her misgivings lessened as she began to make new friends. My problem is, my daughter has become interested in demons to the point that she thinks and tells people she is half-demon. Julie's new friends are also into the

demon-pretending phase I wasn't concerned until I saw a letter Julie had written to her father, talking about the demon and asking if he was one. It went on to say there is trouble here, and a demon killer is at her school. She said it wants to kill them and has given her "signs."

How can I get my daughter back without making her miserable? After-school activities are

Learning self-defense was originally an option until she

started hitting older boys and asking why they didn't hit her back. Should I take her friends away? Talk to their parents? I don't know what to do.

- Once a Good Parent Dear Abby in Oklahoma Dear Parent: Call

your doctor and arrange for a psychiatric evaluation for your daughter. Her letter to her father and her acting out against the boys suggests that she could have serious mental problems

Please don't wait The doctor can help you to decide whether she should be kept away from her new friends, or whether you should speak to their parents. However, your first priority should be to get profes-

Dear Abby: My husband of 29 years, "Paul," is an "early to

sional help for your child.

bed" kind of guy. He goes to bed around 9 p.m., and the kids are still up. My problem is, I don't want to have sex while the kids (ages 14 and 13, both boys) are ome or still awake at night. Paul doesn't understand my feelings Is it my hang-up, or do other women feel the same way?

 Embarrassed in Michigan Dear Embarrassed: There are. indeed, other wives who share your feelings. Some couples solve this problem by sending "the kids" on sleepovers, or arranging intimate nights out together. You might also consider installing a large-screen TV in a room as far away from the master bedroom as possible, so that if the kids are up, they'll be otherwise occupied.

You and your husband are entitled to a life, and having private time does not necessarily equate with having sex. A lock on your bedroom door might prevent surprises.

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(Answers tomorrow)

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"Almost. The only thing I have to do is get started."

Dad pays for daughter too much

Dear Annie: My

husband of six months has a beautiful, sweet daughter who was recently married. "Sally" and I get along wonderfully, but I have concerns

My husband gave her a large down payment on a new house, refurbished er pool, installed new appliances and paid for an expensive wedding to a man she has been living with for years. Sally's new husband does not like his job, they dine out five nights a week, shop often, go to the movies every Saturday night, have cable and high-speed Internet, and we even cleaned her home for her before

she moved in. I worry that they cannot afford their home, and we will end up making the house payments and all repairs as they become neces-

Sally is kind and respectful to me. I have no problem with her. I'm just wondering if the pattern is set for my husband and me

Annie's Mailbox

ties, so we are able to make her house payments, pay her car

insurance, etc. Do I ask my husband outright how long we're expected to bankroll the kids or just wait and see how deep the requests reach into our pockets? When is it our turn? We married at the court-

house and have yet to take a honeymoon so as to not use funds set aside for

Sally's new life – Need Help in Florida

Dear Florida: We cannot caution you strongly enough about the hazards of getting between Daddy and his little girl, so this needs to be handled delicately. Tell your husband, gently, that if he keeps paying for things that Sally cannot actually afford on her own, he is crippling her and she will never learn how to be financially responsible. If your husband refuses to put your marriage first, you will have to decide how much of this "gener osity" you are willing to live with. Dear Annie: My husband

died unexpectedly, and I decided to get my will together. My mother-in-law suggested that in case of my death, I leave the care of my two young children to my husband's sister, "Sara. Sara has been married to

"Bud" for two years. I recently discovered that Bud is a two-time convicted felon (he robbed a store at gunpoint) and he has been off probation only a short time. I don't know if any of the family members, including Sara, know this, Should I tell them or mind my own business? I'm certainly not leaving my

children in his care. Concerned Dear Concerned: You should

mention Bud's record to Sara. but no one else. She is entitled to know, and how she chooses to deal with it is her business.

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"I just can't tell from here. ... That either be our flock, another flo or just a bunch of little m's."



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Thursday

AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.-NBA: Detroit at Cleve-

AFN-Sports and Radio, 1 a.m.—College bas-ketball: Preseason NIT semifinals, Wake For-est vs. Providence. AFN-Sports, 3:30 a.m.—College basketball: Maul invitational championship game. AFN-Atlantic, 3:30 a.m.—College basket-ball: Preseason NIT semifinals, Michigan vs.

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—Golf: PGA Grand Slam of Golf, final round (dld).

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m.—College basketball: Great Alaska Shootout, Alabama vs. Alasa-Anchorage (did).

AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—College football: Con-ecticut at Rutgers.

AFN-Radio, 6 p.m.—NFL: Indianapolis at De-

roit.

AFN-Atlantic and Pacific, 6:30 p.m.—NFL:
dianapolis at Detroit.

AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—NBA: Detroit at Cleveand (did). and (dld).

AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.—Rodeo: Professional
Sull Riding (dld).

AFN-Radio, 10 p.m.—NFL: Chicago at Dal-

as. AFN-Atlantic and Pacific, 10:30 p.m.—NFL: chicago at Dallas.

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College football

AP Top 25 schedule

Thursday, Nov. 25 No. 21 West Virginia at Pittsburgh No. 21 West Virginia åt Pittsburgh Friday, Nov. 22 Texas A&M No. 14 ISU at Arkansas No. 18 Arizonas Atta at Arizona Saturday, Nov. 27 No. 1 Southern Cal vs. Notre Dame No. 7 Louisville vs. Cincinie Vs. Motre No. 8 Georgia vs. Georgia Tech No. 10 Boilse State at Nevada No. 10 Boise State at Nevada No. 11 Virginia Tech vs. No. 16 Virginia No. 15 Tennessee vs. Kentucky No. 17 Boston College vs. Syracuse No. 23 Oklahoma State at Texas Tech No. 24 UTEP at Tulsa

Division I-AA playoffs

First Round
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Jacksonville Sturdigs, Nor Furman (9-2)
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James Madison (9-2) at Lehigh (9-2)
James Madison (9-2) at Lehigh (9-2)
James Madison (9-2) at Lehigh (9-2)
Korthwestern State (8-3) at Montana (9-2)
Eastern Washington (8-3) at Southern IlliLafayette (8-3) at Delaware (8-3)
Kow Mampshire (9-2) at Georgia Southern
Mew Mampshire (9-2) at Georgia Southern

Quarterfinals Saturday, Dec. 4 Eastern Washington-Southern Illinois win-er, vs., Western Kentucky-Sam Houston

ner vs. Western State Winner vs.
Northwestern State Montana winner vs. New Hampshire-Georgia Southern winner vs. New Hampshire-Georgia Southern winner Hampton-William & Mary winner vs. Lafay-ette-Delaware winner ette-Delaware winner

James Madison-Lehigh winner vs. Jacksonville State-Furman winner

Division II playoffs

Quarterfinals Saturday, Nov. 27 West Chester (10-3) at East Stroudsburg

West Chester (10-3) at East Successing (10-1) Northwest Misouri State (11-1) at Pittsburg State (12-0) Valdosta State (10-1), at Albany State, Ga. Grand Valley State (10-2) at North Dakota (10-2)

10-20 Semifinal Secretary and Control Dakota (10-20) Semifinal Saturday, Dec. 4
Grand Valley State-North Dakota winner vs. Northwest Mo. St.-Pittsburg St. winner East Stroudsburg-West Chester winner vs. Valdosta State-Mi

Semifinal winners

Division III playoffs

Second Round Saturday, Nov. 27 Hobart, N.Y. (9-1) at Rowan, N.J. (8-2) St. John Fisher, N.Y. (10-1) at Delaware Val-2y (11-0)

ley (11-0) Christopher Newport, Va. (9-2) at Washing-ton & Jefferson, Pa. (11-0) Wheaton, Ill. (10-1) at Mount Union, Ohio (10-0) Carthage, Wis. (10-1) at Wooster, Ohio (11-0) idental, Calif. (9-1) at Concordia-Moor-

) rdin-Baylor (10-1) at Hardin-Sim-Mary Hardin-Baylor (10-1) at Hardin-sim-mons (10-0) Wisconsin-La Crosse (7-3) at Linfield, Ore.

(9-0)

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 4

Wisconsin-La Crosse—Linfield winner vs.
Occidental—Concordia-Moorhead winner
Hobart-Rowan winner vs. St. John Fisher-Delaware Valley winner

Mary Hardin-Baylor—Hardin-Simmons inner vs. Christopher Newport-Washing-in & Jefferson winner Wheaton, Ill.-Mount Union winner vs. arthage-Wooster winner

College basketball

AP Men's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 21, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's

anking:			
uniting.	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Wake Forest (25)	2-0	1.658	11
2. Kansas (26)		1,637	- 1
3. Georgia Tech (11)	1-0	1,585	- 3
4. Syracuse (4)	4-0	1,549	5
5. Illinois (1)	2-0	1,450	- 6
6. Oklahoma St. (2)	1-0	1,386	7
7. Connecticut	1-0	1,302	3
8. Kentucky (1) 9. Duke	1-0	1,230	
0. Michigan St.	1-0		13
1. North Carolina	0-1	934	15
2. Louisyille	1-0	918	17
3. Maryland	1-0	833	14
Maryland Mississippi St.	4-1	746	12
5. Texas	1-0	707	12
6. Pittsburgh	1-0	687	17
7. N.C. State	3-0	576	19
8. Arizona 9. Alabama	2-1	565	10
9. Alabama	2-0	556	18
0. Wisconsin	1-0	399	21
1. Notre Dame	1-0	386	20
2. Washington 3. Florida	1-0 1-0	337 317	22
4. Gonzaga	2-0	218	25
5. Memphis	3-1	213	24

25. Memphis
Others receiving votes: Virginia 15.1, 51.a.
Others receiving votes: Virginia 15.1, 51.a.
ford 7.3, Michigan 6.4, Providence 40, Charlotte 35, Oklahoma 25. S. Illinois 24. Cincinnati 22, Utah 17. Boston College 14, New Mexico 9, UTEP 7, ETSU 6, Santa Clara 5, UAB 5, Tennessee 4, Marquette 3, Rice 3, UNIV 3, Vermont 3, Afr Force 2, George Washington 2, Indiana 2, LSU 2, Oregon 2, Davidson 1, Depaul 1, lowa St. 1, Vanderbilt 1.

Monday's men's scores

EAST Bethune-Cookman 68, Maine 67 Howard 87, Canislus 76 Indiana, Pa. 97, Penn St.-McKeesport 61 Maine-Farmington 93, St. Joseph's, Maine 66 Medgar Evers 72, Pratt 57 Mountain St. 106, Point Park 64 Mountain St. 106, Point Park 64 NYCCT 79, St. Joseph's, NY 67 Niagara 74, Cent. Connecticut St. 53 Sacred Heart 67, Army 52 St. Francis, Pa. 70, Bucknell 65

Temple 75, Georgetown 57 WVU Tech 81, West Liberty 74 SOUTH Auburn 85, Furman 74 Auburn 85, Furman 74 Charleston Southern 82, Voorhees 58 Columbus St. 97, Tuskegee 94 Duke 74, Davidson 61 East Central 75, NE Mississippi CC 64 East Central 75, NE Mississippl CC 64 Elizabeth City 28, 77, Cheyney 69 Grambling St. 58, Jarvis Christian 99 Grambling St. 58, Jarvis Christian 99 King, Tenn. 81, Va. Intermont 89 Lee St. Uncoin Memorial 77 Lee St. Uncoin Memorial 77 Old Dominion 64, Kent St. 59 Pfeiffer 111, Lees-McRae 94 Sutpers 72, Christian 65 Engliers 72, Christian 65 Tampa 80, Florida Memorial 74 Tenn. Adartin 84, Reinhard 73 Lenn. Adartin 84, Reinhard 73 Lenn. Adartin 84, Reinhard 73 Lenn. Adartin 84, Reinhard 73 DC A&M.Co se Christi 70 Florida St 67

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 70 VMI 71, S. Virginia 33 Wake Forest 99, Yale 72 West Georgia 109, Carver 74 West Georgia 109, Carver 74
William Carey 77, Lambuth 72
Wofford 90, Milligan 64
MIDWEST
Augustana,S.D. 98, Si Tanka-H
Buffler 79, Greenville 43
Exercise 55 505 ka-Huron 65 59

Butler 79, Greenville 43 Emporia St. 105, Vennard 33 Georgia Tech 60, III.-Chicago Illinois St. 82, Truman St. 47 Illinois St. 82, Truman St. 47 Mac Murray 108, Monmouth, Ill. 104 Miami (Ohio) 66, Xavier 54 Millikin 87, Illinois Tech 46 Northern St., S.D. 104, Jamestown 73 South WEST Paylor 93, Milled 30, Paylor 51

Baylor 92, Hills Baylor 92, Hillsdale Baptist 51 FAR WEST Colorado St. 76, N. Colorado 68 E. Washington 76, Cal Poly-SLO 61

E. Washington 76, Cal Poly-SLO 61 Oregon 79, New Mexico 75 SMU 69, Montana St. 61, OT Sacramento St. 74, S. Utah 67 San Diego 89, Occidental 53 San Diego St. 69, Monmouth, N.J. 65 Southern Cal 90, UC Irvine 70 Wyomling 64, Princeton 59, 2OT TOURNAMENT EA Sports Maui Invita First Round

lowa 76, Louisville 71 North Carolina 86, BYU 50 Tennessee 69, Stanford 57 Texas 84, Chaminade 62 Paradise Jam Championship Arkansas 82, E. Michigan 64 TANK MCNAMARA Third Place Winthrop 52, Austin Peay 36 Fifth Place Saint Louis 63, Troy 55

Men's Preseason NIT

Quarterfinals Wednesday, Nov. 17 Michigan 69, Colorado 60 Thursday, Nov. 18 Wake Forest 81, Virginia Commo

waxe Porest 81, Virginia Commonw Providence 89, Pennsylvania 52 Arizona 83, Wright State 66 At Madison Square Garden Semifinals Wednesday, Nov. 24 Wake Forest vs. Providence Arizona vs. Michigan

Championship Friday, Nov. 26 Friday, Nov. 2
Semifinal winners
Third Place
Semifinal losers

AP Women's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college baskethall poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 21, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through on 25th-place vote and last week's Record Pts Pv

1. Tennessee (32)		1,111	
2. LSU (13)		1,088	11
3. Georgia	2-0	1.007	- 5
4. Texas	1-1	913	- 2
5. North Carolina	2-0	910	9
6. Notre Dame	4-0	863	11
7. Stanford	2-0	842	- 1
8. Connecticut	1-1	821	- 4
9. Baylor	1-1	771	8
10. Duke	3-1	742	6
11. Ohio St.	3-1	670	10
12. Texas Tech	0-0	633	12
13. Michigan St.	2-0	549	15
14. Vanderbilt	1-0		15 13 16
15. Purdue	1-0		16
16. Kansas St.		393	19
17. Rutgers	1-0		17
18. Minnesota	3-1	378	14
19. DePaul	2-0		20
20. Boston College		297	18
21. Oklahoma	2-0	245	2
22. Maryland		190	24
23. Louisiana Tech		123	25
24. Villanova	1-0		-
25. Arizona	2-1	67	2
Others receiving votes:	Wash	ington	40

Others receiving votes: Washington 4, Utah 27, UCL A2, UC Santa Barbara 12, N.C. State 11, Penn St. 9, TCU 8, Old Domilion 7, Miami 6, New Mexico 5, Richmond 5, Florida 4, Middle Tennessee 4, SW Missouri St. 4, Wis-Green Bay 4, Arizona St. 3, Chattanooga 3, Marshall 3, Houston 2, Missispipi 2, Mon-nan 2, Gonzaga 1, lowa St. 1, Mississippi 3, Mornan 2, Gonzaga 1, lowa St. 1, Mississippi 3, Mornan 2, Gonzaga 1, lowa St. 1, Mississippi 3, Mornan 2, Gonzaga 1, Jowa St. 1, Mississippi 3, Mornan 2, Gonzaga 1, Jowa St. 1, Mississippi 3, Mississippi 3, Mississippi 3, Mississippi 4, Mississippi

Monday's women's scores

EAST
Harvard 83, Rhode Island 77, 01
Quinnipiac 68, New Hampshire
West Virginia 89, Northwestem
SOUTH
Alabama 80, Middle Tennessee

Auburn 52. Chattanopya 69 ser oso Belmont 78, Osuth Alabama 60 ETSU 77. Tusculum 61 Florida 51. 72. Florida 62 Louislana-Monroe 60, New Orleans 46 Memphis 57. Lipscomb 52 N.C. William 50, Coll. of Charleston 53 S. Carolina 51.6, Coll. of Charleston 53 S. Louislana 60, William Carey 53 S. Louislana 60, William Carey 53 S. Louislana 60, William Carey 53 Vanderbill 61, Savannah 51. 26 W. Carolina 73, E. Kentucky 60 Auburn 62, Chattanooga 49

Tennessee St. 75. Art.—Prine Bluff St. Vanderbrild St. Schannan St. 28 Wanderbrild St. 28 Wand

College soccer

Men's Division I tournament

Connecticut (12-7-3) at BUSTAIN CONSAGE (12-4-2) HOSTAI (12-9-1) at Maryland (15-5-1) Tulsa (11-6-3) at Penn State (10-4-7) UCF (11-6-2) at Wake Forest (13-5-7) UCF (11-6-2) at Wake Forest (13-5-7) UCF (10-8-4) at Virginia Chino State (11-6-2) at Notre Dame (13-2-3) American (15-5-2) at Virginia (17-4-0) (15-5-2) at Virginia (17-4-0)

Offio State (11-0-2) at Notre Dalie (13-2-3) American (15-5-2) at Virginia (17-4-0) Michigan (11-7-4) at Indiana (14-4-1) Coll. of Charleston (17-5-1) at North Caroli

rnia (13-3-3) at Southern Methodist

8 vs. George Wash

vinner Ohio State-Notre Dame winner vs. Duke-Old Dominion winner Portland-New Mexico winner vs. Ameriportiano-New Mexico winner vs. Ameri-can-Virpinia winner Hotstig-Maryland winner vs. Northwest-Boston U.S. John's winner vs. Loyola Marymount-UCLA winner Calliornia Southern Methodist winner vs. Connecticut-Boston College winner vs. Michigan-Indiana winner

Fourth Round Friday, Nov. 26 Prilaty Nov. 28
Prilaty (19.2) at Norte Deme (27.3) at Warte Deme (27.3) at Warte Deme (27.3) at Washington (18.24) by the Washington (18.24) at Washingto

Prep football

(As voted by league coaches)

Würzburg: Brandon Simmons, Heidelberg: Josh Warren, Kalserslauten, Kicker-Lones Sleber, Wiesbaden. Line-Simmons and Steve Haase, Heidelberg: Madison Hayes, Kaiserslautern; Jordan Ruger, Weisbaden. Linebackers-Chris Jones, Heidelberg: Chad Shockley, Lakenheath; Matt Slaymak-

Chad Snockiey, Lakenneath, max Jaymun er, Ramstein; Dan Villareal, Wiesbaden. Backs—Brad Brown, Würzburg; Shannon McCarv, Wiesbaden; Eric Murray, Ramstein. r—Austin Izzo, Ramsteir Division II-North Offense

Offense
Puarterback—Sean Corcoran, SHAPE.
Running backs—Philip Lipman, Interna
nai School of Brussels: Richard Rendon

Receivers—Brandon Morales, Bitburg; Joe uttman, SHAPE; Andrew Vanderlind, ISR. Line—Matt Anderson and Keith Wagner, SHAPF: Dan Kubis, ISB: Jesse Tate, London

Line—Anderson, SHAPE: Greg Hutchinson, ISB; Tom Tate, London Central.
Linebackers—Kubis and Lipman, ISB; Rendon and Kodiak Reed, SHAPE:
Backs—Morales, Bilburg; Puttman, SHAPE: Vanderlind and Drew Thigpen, ISB.
Punter—Lipman, ISB.
Division II-South
Offense

Quarterback—J.D. Lindsay, Patch. Running backs—David Kennedy, Patch; falcolm Lane, Hanau; Jason McKechnie, Na-

ceivers-Neil Griffin, Patch; Mark Peary-

Second Round Tuesday, Nov. 23 on U. (11-7-2) at St. John's (10-5-4) ecticut (12-7-3) at Boston Coll

Cuii. of Charleston (17-5-1) at North Caroli-na-Greensboro (18-2-1) Duke (15-5) at Old Dominion (13-5-2) Northwestern (15-5-2) at Creighton (13-4-1)

(13-4-1) California (13-3-3) at Southern Methodist (15-3-1) Portiand (12-7-2) at New Mexico (16-1-1) Wis,-Milwaukee (14-4-3) at UC Santa Bar-bara (17-2-1) Loyola Marymount (11-7-3) at UCLA (13-3-2)

Third Round Nov. 27-28 UCF-Wake Forest winner vs. ngton-VCU winner

Ington-VCU winner
Wis-Milwaukee-UC Santa Barbara winner vs. Coll. of Charleston-UNC-Greensboro winner

Women's Division I tournament

Semifinal winners

All-conference teams

División I Offense Quarterback — T.J. Trice, Heidelberg, Running backs — Lewis Allen, Heidelberg; Paul Fry, Wiesbaden. Receivers — Sal Mena, Würzburg; Brennon Relatord, Ramstein; Nick Trice, Heidelberg.

Relaford, Ramstein; Nick Frice, Heisenberg, Line—Derek Almen, Wiesbaden; Cole daxey, Ramstein; Johnathan Pennington, Mürzburg; Brandon Simmons, Heidelberg; osh Warren, Kaiserslautern. Kicker—Lones Sieber, Wiesbaden. Defense

Central; Malcolm Wells, Bitburg. Kicker—Marvin Coombs, SHAPE.

Line—Michael Aque, Naples; Alex Hughes and Terrance Smith, Hanau; Tariq Whitaker, Agarbach; Tey White, Vilsecks Back, Tey White, Vilsecks Line—Orew Kine, Hanau; Lindsey and Line—Orew King, Hanau; Lindsey and Jaylor, Patch; Kevin Pollock, Vilseck: Linebackers—Affat Briegel, Naples; Glovan-ly Vidal, Hanau; Devon Wilford, Patch. Pearver, Naples, Jaylona; Lane, Hanau; Pearver, Naples.

Backs-Carl Cephas, Aviano; Lane, Hanau; evaryer, Naples. Punter—Tyler White, Naples. Division III-North Offense Quarterback—Chris Tresize, Rota. Running backs—Chris Tresize, Rota.

Mick sailey, Merlyuth Hill; Joseph Casey, R. Libe-ally Turner-Baggs and Milke Wigley, AFNORTH: Nathaniel Bitto, Menwith Hill; Sir Thompson, Rob. Williamson, Brussels, Center-Jacob Williamson, Brussels, Center-Jacob Williamson, Brussels, Gronella (Liby, Rota; Adam Presnell, Sigontella (Liby, Rota; Adam Fresnell, Sigontella (Liby, Rota), Adam Fresnell, Adam Fresnell, Sigontella (Liby, Rota), Adam Fresnell, Adam Fresnell, Adam Fresnell, Adam Fresnell, Adam Fresnell, Adam Fresnell, Adam Fr

selfs, Kevinf Hershey, Menwith Hill, Larkin dader, Sigonella dader, Sigone

John Center - Adam Golden, Ansbach,
Tight end - Russell Bailey, Ansbach,
Tight end - Russell Bailey, Ansbach,
Spilt end - Mayin Gholston, Bamberg,
Kicker - Christian Peel, Bamberg,
Line- C. J. Battle, Bamberg, Eng, BaumholdTry Patrick Busy, Hoherlets, Wing, Golden and
Julie Ansbach; Antonio Mouzon, Baumolder, Antonio Mouzon, Baumolder,

lolder. Backs—Taurean Moore and Esters, Ans-bach; Brandon Jones, Bamberg. Punter—Patrick Bailey, Vicenza. College hockey

Monday's scores

Boston College 5, Holy Cross 0 Nichols 6, Franklin Pierce 2 MIDWEST Bemidji St. 3, Wayne, Mich. 1

Deals

Monday's transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Basseball
MLB—Announced the Montreal Expos
would be renamed the Washington Nation-als if the team's proposed move is ap-proved.

BOSTON RED SOX — Named Al Nipper minor league pitching coordinator; Goosé Gregon Latin American Jiching coordinator; Goosé Gregon Latin American pitching coordinator and pitching coach for the Red Sox of the Guild Coordinator of the Coordina Wilmington of the Carolina League; Bob Kip per pitching coach and Randy Phillips hil ting coach for Capital City of the South Atlan ting coach for capital city of the south Atlan-tic League; Walter Miranda pitching coach and Alan Mauthe hitting coach for Lowell of the New York-Penn League; Maria Ronda Latin employee assistance consultant and

atin employee assistance consultant and iary Crites substance abuse consultant. KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Named Andy Ket-

coordinator. NEW YORK YANKEES—Claimed INF Ferdin Teleda off waivers from the San Diego Pa-

dres.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Added RHP Kyle
Davies, RHP Anthony Lerew, LHP Macay
McBride, INF Pete Orr, INF Andy Marte, INF
Luis Hernandez and OF Bill McCarthy to the Luis Hernandez and 0 H Bill McCarthy to the 40-man roster. HINS—Agreed to terms with FLORIDA MARLUNS—Agreed to terms with NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kris Benson on a three-year contract. PITSBURGH PIRATES—Named Jeff Live-sey manager, Woody Huyke coach and Miguel Bonilla pitching coach of Bradenton of the Guilf Coast League: Tim Leiper manag-er, Matt Winters coach and Bob Millack!

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ARTONIA CRIDINALS—Recessed 88 ARTONIA CRIDINALS—RECESSED 88

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Released RB
JOSHUA RIGH From the practice squad.
DETROIT LIDBS—Archited WR Scottle
Johns From the practice squad. Signed FB
seth Belton to COLLEGE squad.
COLORADO—Announced the resignation
of Dick Tharp, athletic director.
ILLINOIS—Fired Ron Turner, football
joach.

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Colorado athletic director resigns

BY EDDIE PELLS The Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. - Colorado athletic director Dick Tharp re-Monday, nine-year tenure sullied by accusations of recruiting violations and fiscal mismanagement.

The resignation came months after the school's football program was rocked by allegations that sex and alcohol were used to entice recruits and lawsuits accused players or recruits of sexual assault.

allegations about fund-raising problems surfaced this month

The school told the NCAA last week that a small booster club that had not been audited under university auspices bought equipment for the athletic department, an NCAA violation

Tharn said his resignation was not an admission of wrongdoing. "The record will show that I

performed my duties responsibly and in the best interests of the department of athletics and the University of Colorado," he wrote in his resignation letter

A grand jury, an independent commission and the university in-



Colorado athletic director Dick Tharp resigned Monday after new allegations of financial mismanagement surfaced this month. Tharp denied any wrongdoing

vestigated the recruiting and sexual abuse allegations. No sexual assault charges were filed, but one former recruiting aide was indicted on charges of soliciting a prostitute and misusing his university cell phone.

The independent commission concluded that some players arranged sey drugs and alcohol for recruits without the knowledge of coaches. The commission harshly criticized Tharp and other administrators, accusing them of lax

oversight Also, three women said they were raped at or after a Decem ber 2001 off-campus party attended by players and recruits. The women sued the university; their lawsuits are pending in Denver federal court

Mets finalize deal with Benson, move closer to re-signing Leiter

NEW YORK - Now that Kris Benson is definitely returning to the New York Mets, the right-hander hopes Al Leiter will

"Al's been a tremendous help for me. He got me acclimated to the team when I got over here, Benson said Monday after taking a physical and finalizing his \$22.5 million, three-year contract.

New Mets general manager Omar Minaya wouldn't reveal much about the Mets' talks with Leiter, Last Friday, a baseball official who spoke on the condition of anonymity said the left-hander and New York were nearing agreement on a one-year contract worth \$4 million to \$5 million plus performance bonuses.

"I don't want to comment too much because of where we are," Minaya said. "Where we are is sensitive to talk about what the thinking is on the Al Leiter front.

New York had been trying to re-sign Benson since he was acquired from Pittsburgh on July 30, two months before the Mets hired Minaya. The 30-year-old right-hander, taken by the Pirates with the first pick of the 1996 amateur draft, has been sidelined by injuries for much of his career his 31 starts this year were his most since 2000. Minaya called him "a pitcher

who has not fulfilled his poten-

"I think we haven't seen the best of Kris Benson yet," Minaya Benson went 4-4 with a 4.50 **Briefs**

ERA in 11 starts with the Mets. leaving his season record at 12-12 with a 4.31 ERA and his career mark at 47-53

His deal with the Mets calls for a \$2.5 million signing bonus and salaries of \$4.5 million in 2005 and \$7.5 million in each of the next two seasons. The Mets have .5 million option for 2008 with a \$500,000 buyout.

Yankees outfielder Sheffield to have shoulder surgery

NEW YORK - Yankees outfielder Gary Sheffield will have arthroscopic surgery Tuesday on his left shoulder, which didn't improve after two weeks of rehabili-

Sheffield, second to Anaheim's Vladimir Guerrero in AL MVP voting, didn't think the rehab went well, Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman said Mon-

It was still experiencing problems," Cashman said.

Sheffield 36 could not raise his left arm for much of the season and was forced to catch balls at his side. He will be operated on by Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham. Ala.

Kapler first to bolt World Series champions

BOSTON - Gabe Kapler became the first player to leave the World Series champion Boston

Red Sox, agreeing to a one-year contract with the Yomiuri Giants

"He spent the better part of a week really agonizing over the de-cision," agent Paul Cohen said Monday. "He really felt at this point in his career, he wanted the guarantee to play

Kapler, 29, was a backup on the Red Sox team that won the AL wild-card berth, then came back from a 3.0 deficit to heat the New York Yankees in the AL championship series. Boston swept St. Louis in the World Series, with Kapler going 0-for-2 and appear-ing in all four games.

Kapler, among 16 Boston players who became free agents. played in 136 games last season but started only 73 and hit .272 in 290 at-bats

Easley agrees to \$750,000. one-year contract with Marlins

MIAMI — Backup infielder Damion Easley will get \$750,000 under his one-year contract with

Easley, who agreed to the deal Monday, hit .238 with nine homers and 43 RBIs in 98 games for Florida last season while serving as a utility infielder.

Blue Jays sign C Myers

TORONTO - The Toronto Blue Jays signed veteran catcher Greg Myers to a minor league contract Tuesday with an invitation to spring training.

Myers played in just eight

games before sustaining a sea-son-ending ankle injury April 26 while running the bases in Minne-

Former skating champion pleads guilty to gun charge

ROCHESTER HILLS Mich -

Former U.S. skating champion Christopher Bowman has pleaded no contest to two misdemeanors involving having a gun while drunk after prosecutors



dropped felonv charges against him. Bowman. entered

the plea Monday before Judge Nancy Carniak in Rochester Hills District Court to possessing a gun while intoxicated and to assault and battery, the court clerk's office said Rowman known as "Rowman

the Showman," was U.S. champion in 1989 and '92. He finished seventh at the 1988 Olympics and fourth at the 1992 Olympics.

A count of felonious assault against Bowman was dismissed after the key witness changed her story with a letter stating what happened at Bowman's Lake Orion apartment on Oct. 27. Prosecutors also dropped a count of aiming a firearm with malice.

Initially, police said they be-lieved that Bowman had pointed a handgun at April Freeman, a friend and business partner. friend and business partner. Later, Freeman said she was under the influence of prescription painkillers when she gave her first statement and falsely accused Bowman of threatening her. Bowman faces up to 93 days in

Armed Forces haskethall team to play exhibition tonight

The U.S. Armed Forces basketball team, currently in Germany tuning up for the annual SHAPE onal tournament, has scheduled an exhibition game Wednesday night at the Stuttgart community's Patch Barracks

Coach Babe Kwasniak's Armed Forces all-stars will take on MTV Stuttgart of the Germany's Southwest Regional League at 7:30 p.m.

Mannheim's Eloi Perry and Heidelberg's Craig Marcelin both all-Army players — will rep-resent the European Command this year's Armed Forces

The tournament is scheduled for Nov. 28-Dec. 4 at SHAPE's main gym in Mons, Belgium.

France's Pierce pulls out of Fed Cup semifinal

- Two-time major champion Mary Pierce pulled out of France's Fed Cup semifinal against Spain because of a right shoulder injury, the French tennis federation said on its Web site Tuesday.

France earlier lost its top player, former No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo. Pierce will be replaced against Spain by Marion Bartoli.

Expos rechristened 'Nationals'

By JOSEPH WHITE The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Montreal Expos would be renamed the Washington Nationals if the proposed move of the franchise is approved by baseball owners.

The team's new colors would be red, white and blue, club president Tony Tavares said Monday during a news conference at Union Station to announce the name change. Caps will have a script "W" and the team's secondary logo will feature an interlocking "DC.

"This is a thrilling and important step in returning the national pastime to the nation's capital." Tavares said. "The team name and colors not only represent our new home, but symbolize the joining together of Washington's base ball past and its future."

Just before the news conference began, a member of the D.C. Statehood Green Party went on the stage with a sign reading "Stop the \$614 million stadium iveaway." The protester, Adam Eidinger, opposes the plan by District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A. Williams' to finance a ballpark for the team, saying it will cost far more than the estimated \$435 mil-



The Washington Nationals logo.

Several men, including former Washington Senators announcer Charlie Brotman, jumped Eidinger. A tussle ensued, and the podium nearly fell over before security managed to drag the pro tester off stage. Eidinger said detained briefly and then released. 'I'm breathing hard." Brot-

man, 73, announced to the crowd. "This has nothing with a heavy-weight championship fight com-

The move of the team is subject to the approval of baseball owners, which is expected, and the District of Columbia Council must act by Dec. 31 to put a financing plan in place for a new ballpark. Baseball owners and the council have both delayed their votes, but the Council is expected to vote by Nov. 30 and owners by Dec. 6.

The Expos are owned by the other 29 teams, who plan to sell the franchise in 2005. The new owners may choose to rename the team again

The Nationals was the official original name of the Senators franchise that played in Washington from 1901-60, although the team was known by both names for several decades. Owner Calvin Griffith officially changed the name to Senators in 1957

Commissioner Bud Selig preferred the name Senators for Washington's new team, but the mayor objected because the District of Columbia does not have representation in the U.S. Senate.

Williams preferred the Grays, a tribute to the Homestead Grays Negro League team that played in Washington in the 1930s and

"The Mayor on the Grays. Bud was on Senators," Tavares said. "And I think you see a compromise candidate. But I don't want to sell it as that. I think it's a great

The team unveiled a red, white and blue logo with the word "Washington" on a red ribbon

"Washington" on a red ribbon and "Nationals" on a blue field, then immediately began selling caps, T-shirts and pennants at a nearby kiosk. The uniform will be unveiled later.

Patriots push aside Chiefs

Brady, Dillon help depleted N.E. outscore Kansas City

BY DOUG TUCKER The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - A beaten Trent Green walked across the Arrowhead Stadium turf to shake Tom Brady's hand.

'You guys have a great team the Kansas City quarterback told his New England counterpart, "I don't know how else to say it." Whether they were on offense,

defense or special teams, nothing the defending Super Bowl champi on Patriots did seemed particularly spectacular. It was just solid.

Brady was especially effective, throwing for 315 yards in a 27-19 victory Monday night over the host Chiefs

"Now I can see why they're 9-1," said Green, who threw for 381 yards and two touchdowns. "It's not a swagger or anything like that. They just feel really good about what they're doing."

Why shouldn't they? The defending Super Bowl champions have won 24 of 25 games.

Green completed a scoring strike to Eddie Kennison — a 65-vard pass that covered more ground than any the Chiefs have had in over a year. But it wasn't enough

The Patriots took a 7-0 lead on their first possession when Corev Dillon scored on a 5-yard run, and wrapped up the win with an 11-play, 54-yard drive capped by Adam Vinatieri's 28-yard field goal with 1:46 to play.

In between, the Chiefs (3-7) failed time after time to wrest the

momentum away. "It's a tough place to come in



New England's Corey Dillon (28), stiff-arming Kansas City linebacker Kawika Mitchell (50), rushed for 98 yards and two TDs, but his fourth-quarter fumble deep in Chiefs territory kept Kansas City in the game.

coach Bill Belichick said. "I thought our players really did a good job of standing up to the adversity here, the hostile crowd and all that. These people really support their team.

Dillon wound up with 98 yards and two touchdowns on 26 car-

Deion Branch caught six passes for 105 yards. Daniel Graham had a 48-yard reception, and David Patten had a 46-yarder.

"It's the first time I've had a chance to play against Brady, Chiefs linebacker Scott Fujita said. "He just carries himself real well. He sees defenses real well. You can feel the confidence in the whole team. It was impressive.

New England won its third straight since its NFL-record 21-game winning streak was snapped last month in Pittsburgh.

"We're still trying to improve," Brady said. "We left some points out on the field tonight. I think evervone's just glad we won this

The Patriots' defense also contributed by shutting down a Kansas City running game missing Priest Holmes, who was out for the second straight week because of a knee injury. The Chiefs gained just 64 yards rushing, exactly 100 yards fewer than their average coming into the game

Derrick Blaylock, who had 186 yards against New Orleans last weekend in his first NFL start, managed only 58 yards on 19 carries against the Pats.

"I thought we would be able to run it better than we did," Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said.

Green also had a 26-yard TD pass to Kennison, as the Patriots played without starting cornerbacks Ty Law and Tyrone Poole.

The second score to Kennison came after Dillon, who also had a 1-yard touchdown run, fumbled at the Kansas City 3.

Green then drove the Chiefs 97 yards, capped by Kennison's 26-yard scoring pass. But a two-point conversion attempt failed

Kansas City was poised to score at the end of the first half but Green's pass into the end zone to tight end Tony Gonzalez was intercepted by Rodney Harrison with 43 seconds left in the sec-

ond quarter. The Chiefs thought interference should have been called.

"You saw the play, didn't you?" Vermeil said when asked about the non-call. "I'm not going to say anything about it. It was a low throw and it shouldn't have been a low throw. It normally is high and to the back of the end zone or out."

NFL scoreboard

American Conference

East											
		W	L	т	Pct	PF	PA				
	New England	9	1	0	.900	264	171				
	N.Y. Jets	7	3	0	.700	212	165				
	Buffalo	4	6	0	.400						
	Miami	1	9	0	.100	140	210				
	South										
	Indianapolis	7	3	0	.700	339	230				
	Jacksonville	6	4	0	.600	166	181				
	Houston	4	6	0	.400	198	239				
	Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	186	212				
	North										
	Pittsburgh	9	1	0	.900						
	Baltimore	7	3	0	.700						
	Cincinnati	4	6	0	.400	183	198				
	Cleveland	3	7	0	.300	177	208				
West											
	Denver	7	3	0	.700	233	167				
	San Diego	7	3	0	.700						
	Kansas City	3	7	0		276	265				
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Washington at Pittsburgh Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants Cleveland at Cincinnati San Diego at Kansas City Tampa Bay at Carolina Jacksonville at Minnesota New Orleans at Atlanta Buffalo at Seattle N.Y. Jets at Arizona Miami at San Francisco

Baltimore at New England Oakland at Denver Monday, Nov. 29 St. Louis at Green Bay

R. Moss targeting a return this week

The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. - Randy Moss is expected back on the field this week for the Minnesota Vikings, provided his strained right hamstring doesn't swell.



Coach Mike Tice said Monday a reasonable plan for Moss in Sunday's game against Jacksonville is 25

plays, mostly in three-receiver formations Since sustaining the injury Oct. 17 at New Orleans, Moss twice made token appearances without catching a pass and did not dress for the past three games.

Moss, who has been running routes on the

side for the past week, looked good in an intense workout Monday morning to test his strength and endurance. Tice and team trainers want to make sure the leg doesn't swell on Tuesday before allowing him to practice. He'll be listed as doubtful, for now.

"Hopefully as the week progresses we'll be able to fix that and turn it into questionable, probable," Tice said. "We'll see."

Pro Bowl center Matt Birk, who has been playing with intense abdominal pain, might

NFL injury update

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Titans: CB Andre Woolfolk (dislocated wrist) out fit be season; OT Brad Hopkins (broken hand) out for Suday; DT Albert Haynesworth (dislocated elbow) unlike to play Sunday.

have to sit out a game or two next month to let the injury calm. He's expected to play against the Jaguars, though

Leftwich: I'll start this week at Minnesota

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Byron Leftwich expects to return to the starting lineup Sunday when the Jacksonville Jaguars play at Minnesota

But coach Jack Del Rio, isn't so sure "Unless we have a major setback, I believe I'll be playing this week," said Leftwich, who has missed the past two games with a knee iniury. "The key is not to go out there and just

Del Rio said Monday he's taking a more patient annroach

"He threw a couple passes last week in practice and appears to be on track to be able to re-turn this week," Del Rio said. "I know Byron is anxious to get back. I'll know more as we get closer to Wednesday.

Harrington retains starting job for Lions

ALLEN PARK, Mich. - Another lackluster game has not cost Joey Harrington his job as starting quarterback.

Harrington was 12 of 19 for 91 yards with one touchdown and one interception in a 22-19 loss at Minnesota.

"I know that we came unraveled as a team ward the end of that game, but that was not all Joey Harrington," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said Monday.

Though Harrington has thrown just two touchdowns and three interceptions in the past three games, Mariucci said he did not plan to replace him with backup Mike McMahon.

Monday Patriots 27. Chiefs 19

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KC-FG Tynes 44, 747.
KC-Kennison 65 pass from T.Green
(Tynes kick.), 34:0end Quarter
NE-Dillon 1 run (Vinatleri kick.), 8:27.

Third Quarter
KC-FG Tynes 72, 46:55.

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Fourth Quarter
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MISSED FIFLD GOALS—None

Cowboys QB Henson seems likely to start

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS The Associated Press

IRVING. Texas - Dallas Cowboys rookie Drew Henson will make his first NFL start Thursday, barring a miraculous recovery by injured quarterback Vinny

Testaverde. Coach Bill Parcells, who has been reluctant to play Henson unless forced, said Tuesday that there was "a good chance" Henson would start the Thanksgiving Day game against Chicago.

Parcells said Henson would take most of the snaps in practice Tuesday and would start the game "unless things change ap-

preciably with Vinny The 41-year-old Testaverde has a sore right shoulder and sore back. He was hurt during the fourth quarter Sunday when Baltimore defensive tackle Kelly Gregg landed on him.

Henson hasn't started a game at quarterback in nearly four vears, since his junior season at Michigan

"This is what I've been waiting for, it's a chance to go out there and play," Henson said Tuesday. "I'm preparing today and tomorrow as if it will happen. It will be a great opportunity and something I'll definitely remember." Testaverde wasn't available for

The Cowboys (3-7) had only an extended walkthrough practice Monday. They began the accelerated process of implementing the

comment

game plan Tuesday. "There's no more pressure than

what I expect. It's always been that way," Henson said, "It's more of an opportunity and an excitement thing than feeling pressure."

After leaving Michigan, Henson spent three summers playing pro baseball in the New York Yankees organization. When showed an interest in playing foothall again the Houston Tevans drafted him in 2003, and traded him to the Cowboys last spring.

Henson played quarterback in the NFL for the first time Sunday after Testaverde was hurt. His only action for the Cowboys until then had been as a holder on

Henson's first play resulted in a fumble when a blown blocking assignment let a defender through untouched. But he came back and completed all six of his passes, including a 1-yard TD toss to end a 16-play, 80-yard drive in the Cowboys' 30-10 loss.

The Cowboys have lost six of their past seven games, four by at least 20 points.



Drew Henson has not started a game since 2000, his junior season at Michigan.





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Chester Taylor, middle, will be the centerpiece of Baltimore's running game if 2003 rushing champ Jamal Lewis (ankle) is unable to play.

Life without Lewis

Ravens face more adversity as star RB might miss game at N.E.

By DAVID GINSRURG The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. - The Baltimore Ravens have become accustomed to overcoming injuries and off-the-field problems this season, so there was no sense of panic upon learning that run-ning back Jamal Lewis could miss this week's game against the New England Patriots.

Lewis hurt his right ankle during the first quarter of Sunday's 30-10 victory over the Dallas Cowboys and did not return. He underwent tests Monday, and his status will be determined this week.

Coach Brian Billick said it's pos sible that Lewis, who ran for 2,066 yards last year, could be lost for two weeks. He would be replaced by Chester Taylor, who filled in earlier this season while Lewis served a two-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance-abuse rules.

Soon after Lewis left Sunday. third-stringer Musa Smith broke his right leg and was lost for the season. The Ravens will probably try to add another running back this week

If Lewis can't play, Baltimore will proceed without him.

That's the stance the Ravens took during his suspension, and that's how they've dealt with injuries to tight end Todd Heap, linebacker Peter Boulware, cornerback Chris McAlister, offensive tackle Jonathan Ogden, nickel back Deion Sanders, defensive tackle Kelly Gregg, receiver Travis Taylor and center Mike

Flynn. "Our mantra has been, the next man's got to step up," Billick said Monday. "At some point, you Play the

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keep thinking it's going to even out and we're not going to have to address that from one week to the next, but so far that hasn't been the case

Lewis returned to the sideline in the second half Sunday and volunteered to back up Chester Taylor, but Billick decided not to use Lewis unless he was needed. He was not, mainly because quarterback Kyle Boller picked apart the Dallas defense

Although Boller has gone three straight games without throwing an interception and went 23 for 34 for 232 yards against the Cowboys. Billick is worried about a running game that gained only 59 yards on 21 tries Sunday. Taylor was limited to 33 yards on 15 carries after Lewis got only 5 yards on two attempts.

"We're not running the ball as well as we need to, and that's a concern." Billick said. Injuries are part of the prob-

lem, but there is no solution for "You can say that as soon as it's

all settled down, then we'll be able to get back to running the hall the way we have," Billick said. "Well, it's not going to settle down in the near future.

Ogden returned Sunday after missing three games with a hamstring pull

McAlister (shoulder injury) and Sanders (toe) are expected to return against New England Heap will likely need one more week to recover from the sprained ankle that has kept him sidelined since Sept. 19.

During Heap's absence, re-serves Darnell Dinkins and Daniel Wilcox have performed well. Dinkins had three catches for 40 yards and a touchdown against the Cowboys, and Wilcox ranks fourth on the team with 17 receptions.

That's one reason the Ravens (7-3) have their best record ever after 10 games. Their final six games include road games against division leaders New England, In-

dianapolis and Pittsburgh.

The equation has always been win at home — and we've been pretty good that way — and we've got to steal something on the road in the next three games," Billick said. "One or all, but at least one."

Seahawks' Robinson suspended four games

BY TIM KORTE The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. - Seattle Seahawks receiver Koren Robinson was suspended without pay Monday for the next four games for violating the NFL's substance-abuse rules.

Robinson will sit out home games against Buffalo and Dallas, as well as games at Minnesota and the New York Jets. He is eligible to return for Dec. 26 for a home game against Arizona.

NFL career receiving leader Jerry Rice, who started and had three receptions for 86 yards and a touchdown in Sunday's 24-17 victory over Miami, will take over Robinson's position.

"You just have to keep going," Rice said. "Koren is a great re-ceiver. We wish we had him coming back this week. We've got to have all the guys fill in and somehow keep this ship afloat.

Robinson was at team headquarters Monday, but declined comment. He isn't expected to address

the suspension or speak to reporters until he's eligible to play "Hopefully, he can come back and overcome this and be the player he can be," Rice said. "I have never seen a guy with so much size and so much speed and

so much ability. I'm just going to keep working with him and hopefully it rubs off on him." Robinson also sat out the Miami game, but coach Mike Holmgren said that was punishment for violating undisclosed

team rules and was not related to the NFL suspension. Holmgren acknowledged Robinson traveled to New York last week on an off day for Seahawks

players to appeal a suspension. This isn't Robinson's first brush with trouble

The ninth overall nick of the 2001 draft, Robinson was suspended for a game at Arizona last season after missing a team meeting. In February 2003, he was arrested outside a bar in Raleigh,

N.C., for failure to disperse. Holmgren has joked in the past that he installed digital clocks throughout the building at Seahawks headquarters to help Robinson report to meetings on time

"It's very disappointing to see onderful potential lost like wonderful that," Holmgren said Monday. "Is he going to rebound off this? Yes. but this is a missed time. You just want the lights to go on for some of these young guys, and have them understand how fortunate they are to be doing what they're

Robinson has slumped in his fourth NFL season, catching 31 passes for 495 yards with two touchdowns. He also has been plagued by dropped passes - a recurring problem for Seattle's re-

Robinson appeared poised for a breakout after his second NFL season, when he started 16 games and had 78 receptions for 1,240 yards, ranking second to Steve Largent's club-record 1.287 yards.

Hornets hold off Jazz for first win of season

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - The New Orleans Hornets' win over the Utah Jazz wasn't just any old victory. It moved the team out of a small club it never wanted to be in.

Jamaal Magloire led New Orleans with 20 points and 11 rebounds, and the Hornets became the second-to-last NBA team to win this season when they knocked off the Jazz 76-75 on Monday night.

Now they're 1-8 - one win ahead of the lowly Chicago Bulls (0-9)

"We leave all that to Chicago now," said P.J. Brown, who had nine rebounds.

The Bulls lost to the Phoenix Suns Monday night. The Hornets outplayed the Jazz in the first half and held off several late attempts

by Utah to steal the victory. Lee Nailon, who scored 16 points in his first start for the Hornets, went straight to coach Byron Scott after Gordon Giricek's shot bounced off the rim at the buzzer. He gave him a big hug to celebrate Scott's first

win with New Orleans. Darrell Armstrong made sure to grab the game ball before heading to the locker

NΒΔ roundup

"It's Byron's night," said Armstrong, who had 10 points. "We gave the game ball to Coach. First game ball with the

New Orleans gave Utah several opportunities to win, but the Jazz couldn't convert. Andrei Kirilenko missed two free throws with 4.4 seconds left, and Giricek nearly

nailed his jumper at the buzzer. "We had ample opportunities to win the game," Utah's Carlos Boozer said. "This one hurt a little bit.

New Orleans held Utah to 12 points in the fourth quarter, and forced the Jazz into a 26-for-68 shooting night from the floor.

The Hornets also spoiled the evening for a sellout crowd of 19,911 on the night John Stockton's No. 12 was retired by the Jazz.

Utah rallied from a 19-point deficit in the second half and led briefly down the stretch, but couldn't sustain the momen-

Kirilenko led Utah with 18 points, nine rebounds and seven blocks, but he didn't score in the fourth quarter. Boozer had 10 rebounds for Utah, Mehmet Okur and Carlos Arrovo scored 10 points apiece, and Ar-

rovo added seven assists. "They were desperate to win a ballgame and they found a team that couldn't stand

the pressure," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said The Stockton celebration was about all Jazz fans had to cheer until late in the third quarter, when Utah got back into the game. The Jazz rallied to tie it at 69 on a three-point play by Arroyo.

Suns 100. Bulls 82: Shawn Marion and Amare Stoudemire scored 21 points apiece, and the Suns made sure visiting Chicago remained the NBA's only winless team.

Ben Gordon scored 20 points for the Bulls, who matched a franchise record for consecutive losses to start a season. The Bulls also opened 0-9 in the 1967-68 sea-

Marion added a season-high 16 rebounds, and Steve Nash had 15 points and six assists for the Suns, who have won five

Timberwolves 83. Mayericks 82: Kevin

Garnett made two free throws with 5.9 sec onds left before Trenton Hassell blocked Jerry Stackhouse's long jumper at the buzzer, giving the visiting Timberwolves a victo-ry in the Mavericks' first of several games without forward Dirk Nowitzki.

Garnett finished with 21 points, 17 rebounds and nine assists, just missing his first triple-double of the season. Sam Cassell added 16

Josh Howard led Dallas with 22 points, tying the career high he set two games before.

Nowitzki had an MRI Monday that showed a mild sprain. He will miss four or five games.

Grizzlies 93, Spurs 90: Bonzi Wells had points, including the go-ahead three-pointer with less than a minute left, to lead the host Grizzlies.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 26 points and nine rebounds, and Tony Parker added 18 points.

Playing without Pau Gasol, the Grizzlies used a 12-3 spurt in the third period to take the lead and held off a push by San Antonio down the stretch.

No charges yet for Detroit fans, but one ticket holder is banned

By SARAH KARUSH The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Investigators interviewed nine peonle injured in the brawl at the end of the Pistons-Pacers game, but no charges were imminent in the case, the county prosecutor said Monday.

Police were also reviewing videotapes and interviewing witnesses from Friday night's melee, when Indiana forward Ron Artest charged into the stands after a fan threw a cup at him.

If charges are filed, they proba-bly would be for assault and battery, a misdemeanor that could bring a three-month jail sentence, said David Gorcyca, the Oakland County prosecutor. The only pos-sible felony charge could be against the person who hurled a chair into the crowd

Police Chief Doreen Olko said none of the people involved was seriously injured.

Asked if Artest could claim self-defense, Gorcyca said: "Even if someone did throw water, you don't have a license or a green light to punch them.

John Green of West Bloomfield Township was the fan who threw the cup at Artest, Gorcyca said. The prosecutor identified Green
— a former next-door neighbor by repeatedly watching footage of the brawl. He said footage showed that once Artest was in the stands Green graphed him from behind and sucker-nunched

Green, however, told reporters he didn't throw the cup.

"I wish the whole thing didn't happen," he said, "I'm sure the NBA players that got involved in it wish it never happened, the

pened. I know I don't. It was awful, it was ugly

Pistons chief executive Tom Wilson said Green is a sea-son-ticket holder and will be banned from The Palace.

On Sunday, the NBA suspend-ed Artest for the rest of the sea-

The league also suspended Indiana's Stenhen Jackson for 30 and teammate Jermaine O'Neal for 25. Detroit's Ben Wallace - whose shove of Artest after a foul led to the five-minute fracas — drew a six-game ban, while Pacers guard Anthony Johnson got five games.

Four players - Indiana's Reg-Miller, and Detroit's Chauncev Billups, Elden Campbell and Derrick Coleman were suspended one game apiece for leaving the bench during the

NBA scoreboard Eastern Conference

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Rubble: Injured Pacers to return soon

RUBBLE, FROM BACK PAGE

They entered the season as favorites with the Pistons to win the East. Now just making the playoffs in the weak conference is not

"It's tough. We're without three guys we need," said Jones, who scored a career-high 31 noints in a loss to Orlando on Saturday. The only thing now is to press on until they get back "It's on us. It's on our shoulders

right now. Everyone in the locker room that is still here is looking forward to the challenge. Everyone's counting us out, but we're ready for it."

If Monday was any indication, the Pacers are using the adversity as a rallying point.

"We're a band of brothers with

the guys in the locker room." Reggie Miller said. "If [there is] any time to come together, it's now.

Suddenly, a team that was getting by on sheer talent early in the season now has very little margin for error.

"The message that's being put out there is no one's going to feel sorry for us. When we go to play these other teams, they're not going to take it easy on us," Croshere said. "We just have to go out and do things a little more exact, a little harder and be better than we otherwise would be

Pacers President Larry Bird expects an effort similar to the inspired performance that six healthy and eligible players delivered in an 86-83 loss Saturday.

"We've had a lot of guvs that

have sat on the bench for a lot of years here and didn't get the op-portunity to play," Bird said. "They're getting the opportunity now. Help's on the way." Miller, Johnson, Scot Pollard

and Jeff Foster are all on the mend and could return in the coming weeks. But even when they do, the Pac-

ers will still be without their three best players.

"That's their first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth option," Pistons guard Richard Hamilton said.

But Carlisle, who called the sus-pensions "tougher than I think most people expected," remained

optimistic.
"There's a long way to go here," Carlisle said. "We're steadfast in our approach of, 'Hey we're in this to win games.'"



Vikings fans hold a sign promising no beer throwing, an apparent reference to the melee in Detroit between the Indiana Pacers and the Detroit Pistons.

NBA has a bad connection

he NBA's problems cut deeper than image, go further than the fighting in Detroit and can't be solved simply by suspensions.

Commissioner David Stern made a start by swiftly dishing out strong punishment to all the players involved in the worst brawl with fans in league history.

Those suspensions were right on target, even if the players' asso-ciation and Indiana Pacers disagree and succeed in shortening

It would be easy to dismiss this incident as an aberration, to point to the thousands of other games that have been played without similar problems. But to do that would be to ignore the steady ratcheting up of player-fan hostili ty in all sports and the underlying issues that are particular to the NRA

The NBA can trot out figures that would dispute any notion of its decline: solid attendance, steady TV ratings, lucrative sponsorships and advertising deals strong licensing revenues, broader interest worldwide.

Yet it would be a mistake for Stern to take smug satisfaction in that and try to patch over the current flare-up with the suspen-sions and some beefed-up securi-

There is a growing disconnect between many fans and the NBA. whose American players, perhaps more than those in any other sport, are perceived as arrogant, selfish and overpaid. Those images were reinforced this summer by the U.S. team at the Athens

Though there are surely many players, perhaps the majority, who don't fit that characterization, the attention drawn by the likes of Latrell Sprewell, Allen Iverson, Ron Artest and, during the past year, Kobe Bryant, have weighed heavily on the league.

Steve Wilstein



to NBA's problem. In the past decade, the NRA has fall-

en sharply in popularity among white fans and surged among black fans, according to research by the Sports Mar-

keting Group in Atlanta In a nationwide study of Americans in 1993, 62 percent of whites said they loved or liked the NBA. By 2003, that dropped to 50 percent. Viewed a different way, whites who said they hated or disliked the NRA rose from 21 ner-

cent in 1993 to 30 percent in 2003. By contrast, the percentage of black Americans who loved or liked the NBA rose from 62 percent in 1993 to 92 percent a decade later. Blacks who hated or disliked the league hardly changed, going from 4.3 percent

The NBA should study those figures without drawing the wrong conclusions. They don't suggest any resentment by whites against the league simply because the majority of players are black. Nor do suggest that the league would have fewer problems if more players were white

Larry Bird took some heat last season when he said that a few more white superstars would be "good for a fan base because the majority of the fans are white America." He was probably right, though Stern disagreed.

In 1993, the NBA was coming off the success of the original Dream Team at the Barcelona Olympics. Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan were as popular among whites as blacks. Charles Barkley, for all the controversy he stirred and the elbows he threw was a likable player with a sense of humor. Race wasn't a big issue then

What the numbers suggest is that many white fans have been turned off by some high-profile players. There's a sense that too many are jumping straight from high school, tattooed and beieweled, and that they have an attitude of entitlement along with huge egos

As salaries, ticket prices and cable/satellite charges rise, the resentment is growing.

That, in part, is why so many Americans were glad to see the U.S. basketball team get its comeuppance in Athens. It is also, in part, what drives fans to scream epithets at players during games.

When players break the rules or the law, fans react with repugnance. When Sprewell chokes a coach or complains that he needs more millions to feed his family, he doesn't just turn off fans, he infuriates them. When Artest and the other Pacers went into the stands throwing punches wildly, no matter the provocation from a few idiotic fans, they reinforce a sense of players out of control.

Stern needs to make all the players understand what's at stake - the league's integrity. The issue now is no less critical to the NBA than the cocaine problems of the 1980s.

If NBA teams can't restrain themselves from drafting players out of high school, they should at least make an effort to give them extra counseling and encourage them to continue their education in the offseason

Stern can't afford to ignore any idea that will take the NBA off its self-destructive path.

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Artest says penalty ending year unfair

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest said Tuesday he wishes he hadn't gotten into a fight with fans but feels season-ending suspension was too harsh.

"I don't think it was fair - that many games," Artest said in an interview with NBC's "Today" show. "I respect [NBA Commissionerl David Stern's decisions, but I don't think I should have been out for the whole season.

It was Artest's first national interview since he was suspended for fighting with fans late in Friday night's game against the Detroit Pistons. The interview was simulcast on RadioNow 93.1 in Indianapolis.

On Sunday, Stern suspended Artest for the rest of the season and gave four other Pacers shorter bans, including Stephen Jackson (30 games) and Jermaine O'Neal (25 games). All suspensions stemming from the fight are without pay. Artest, who was suspended for a total of 73 games. stands to lose nearly \$5 million this season

Artest bolted into the stands after being hit by a cup thrown by a fan, touching off a brawl in which players exchanged punches with fans, who also threw drinks, popcorn, a chair and other debris at the Pacers.

"I wish that situation never happened," Artest said. "It wasn't good at all, for anybody. . .

This is the third time that I've been hit with something out of the crowd." said Artest, who claimed he had been struck previously in Detroit and in Cleveland

Artest said Monday night that he hopes to be back with the Pacers for the playoffs, despite the suspension

I have so much confidence in squad and I have confidence I'll be back," Artest said on local radio station WHHH, "I'm out for the season, but I'm hoping to be back for the playoffs.

Union director Billy Hunter said it would have been appropriate for the NBA to suspend Artest through the All-Star break in February and require anger management counseling.

'I think 35 games would have been appropriate. I think 73 is excessive, Hunter Today.

The union was preparing to file an appeal with Stern, who has sole discretion over penalties for on-court behavior.

During the televised interview, Artest plugged a new CD from a group on his record label three times and wore a T-shirt and hat emblazoned with the logo of Tru-Warier Records.

Artest said he had no ill will to ward Detroit's Ben Wallace, who got things started when he shoved Artest after a foul late in the

"Wallace just had a death in the family, so I'm understanding," he said Monday night on WHHH radio in Indianapolis.

Unapologetic Wallace accepts suspension

BY LARRY LAGE The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Detroit's Ben Wallace will not appeal the six-game suspension the NBA gave him for his involvement in Friday night's brawl with the Indiana Pacers and fans.

"When things like that happen you've got to protect the league. Wallace said Monday, the day after NBA Commissioner David Stern suspended nine players for their part in the melee, "You can't have guys going out reacting the way we did."

The brawl started when Indiana's Ron Artest fouled Wallace from behind with the Pacers leading by 15 with 45.9 seconds left. It quickly escalated when Wallace retaliated by delivering a hard, two-handed shove to Artest's

After the players were separated, a fan hit Artest in the face with a full cup, and he ran into the stands to confront the fan he thought hit him. The fracas later spilled onto the court, where Art-

est punched one fan and team-mate Jermaine O'Neal slugged an-Wallace, who said Saturday he didn't regret anything he did, was asked again whether he wished he had done anything differently.

"Any time you have a chance to stop and look at the situation and see what happened, you could say you could've done this different or that different," the two-time All-Star and defensive player of the year said "But in the heat of the moment, things happen.

"We're all human. We react different under different circumstances. It was one of those things that was unfortunate.

The NBA suspended Artest for the rest of the season, Stephen Jackson for 30 games and O'Neal for 25

Does Wallace feel any compassion for Artest

"Life is too short to be feeling sorry." he said. "Things happen and vou've got to be responsible for your actions. I don't feel sorry for him '

Wallace can practice with the Pistons during his suspension, but can't be in any arena they're playing in - home or away within two hours of a game or dur-

Wallace will be eligible to re-turn Dec. 3 at San Antonio. He will lose \$400,000 of the \$6 million he was due to make this sea-

Spurrier set to take over for Holtz at South Carolina

BY PETE IACOBELLI The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Steve Spurrier is set to take over at South Carolina after school trustees agreed Tuesday to hire the former Florida coach.

Spurrier replaces Lou Holtz, resigned Monday. The school scheduled a news conference for Tuesday afternoon to formally introduce Spurrier.

Spurrier would return to college football after a three-year absence. He was coach of the Washington Redskins for two seasons after leaving Florida, going 12-20 before resigning. Spurrier won the 1996 national championship and six Southeastern Conference titles while with the Gators

The ol' ball coach met with the Gamecocks on Tuesday morning. Players said Spurrier told them he wanted to bring fun back to the

Spurrier's hiring had been ex-

pected for nearly a week. There was much speculation that Spurrier would return to Florida next season, following the recent firing of Ron Zook, But Spurrier pulled out of the running, saying 12 years at one school was probably enough.

Next season. Florida is scheduled to play at South Carolina on

Spurrier, 59, went 20-13-1 in three seasons at Duke before takat Florida, his ing over mater, in 1990. He posted 122 victories over 12 seasons, tormented onnonents with his offensive flair and witty one-liners, and departed with the best winning percentage in league history.

The 67-year-old Holtz kicked things off Monday, on one of the strangest days in South Carolina football history. Holtz made official what he hinted about for weeks, and retired after 33 sea-

Then came the news that South Carolina and rival Clemson, both 6-5, would forego bowl bids because of a brawl late in the Tigers' 29-7 victory Saturday.

Holtz leaves with 249 victories. eighth-most in Division I-A, and a renutation for turning stumbling programs into winners. At each of his six schools — William & Mary, North Carolina State, Arkansas, Minnesota, Notre Dame and South Carolina - Holtz went to bowl games by his second sea-

His greatest accomplishment came in 1988, when he led Notre Dame to the national title only three seasons after the disastrous Gerry Faust era ended.

"Lou Holtz has been one of the great coaches in college football history," said Florida State's Bobby Bowden, the winningest coach in Division I. "He brought a lot to the game and has coached some great teams. It will seem strange without him

latest reconstruction project at South Carolina was nearly as remarkable. He came out of retirement in 1998 at age 61 to rebuild the Gamecocks After going 0-11 his first season in Columbia, Holtz brought South Carolina to its best two-year mark in history (17-7) and won consecutive Outback Bowls

"I don't know where I'm going to go. I don't know what I'm going to do. I have faith in the Lord to let him lead me. As long as my family's with me, everything else will be OK," Holtz said.

"But I do feel confident leaving here that the football program is on a firm foundation.

Spurrier will try to build on Holtz's work. Holtz didn't mention good

friend Spurrier by name Monday, but said his replacement "was a very-well-known, proven winner that I play golf with."

Quarterback Aaron Polanco has directed Navy to its second straight bowl game. The Mids will play in the Emerald Bowl on Dec. 30.

Navy accepts offer from Emerald Bowl

The Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Navy accented an invitation to the Emerald Bowl, putting the Midshipmen in the postseason in consecutive years for just the second time in school history.

Navy (8-2) will play either New Mexico (7-4) or Wyoming (6-5) of the Mountain West Conference, athletic director Chet Gladchuk said Monday

It will be Navy's 11th bowl appearance. The Middies lost to Texas Tech in last season's Hous-

'These young men have earned this through their dedication in the weight room and on the practice field," third-year coach Paul

Johnson said in a statement. A victory over Army (2-8) on Dec. 4 would give Navy nine regular-season wins for the first time since 1963.

The Emerald Bowl, which pays \$750,000 per team, invited Navy after Emerald Bowl Executive Director Gary Cavalli met Sunday with Gladchuk

"Navy's got a heck of a football team, a national following and has a great television audience and brings a lot of pageantry to our game," Cavalli said. "Navy has the whole package, and the way they played against Rutgers was the capper for me." The game will be played on

Dec. 30 at SBC Park in San Fran-■ Purdue accepted a bid to the

Sun Bowl on Tuesday, the third time in four years the Boilermakers will play in the New Year's Eve game.

Purdue (7-4, 4-4 Big Ten) will likely face either No. 18 Arizona State (8-2) or Oregon State (6-5) in the game in El Paso, Texas.

Clemson, South Carolina not going to bowls after brawl

COLUMBIA S.C. - Clemson and South Carolina will not accept bowl bids, punishment for players who brawled toward the end of Saturday's game South Carolina athletic director

Mike McGee said Monday that the Gamecocks' actions on the field were not consistent with the values and ethics of the school

'This decision will have a sig-

nificant finan-College cial impact on USC athletics. football briefs

We will also lose a month of prebowl practice," McGee said. "It was a

decision that had to be made." Clemson athletic director Terry Don Phillips said in a state ment the decision isn't fair to the majority of the players. But given the circumstances I

believe strongly that it is the right decision so that our university, our student-athletes, supporters and all people that love Clemson know without question what our values are," he said.

Both teams qualified for the postseason with 6-5 records.

Fox lands BCS games

NEW YORK - Fox will be the new television home of the Bowl Championship Series

The network and the BCS announced a four-year, \$320 million deal Monday that gives Fox the broadcast rights to the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar bowls from 2007-10 and the national title game from 2007-09.

ABC has held the broadcast rights to the BCS since college otball's major conferences implemented the system to crown a national champion in 1998. ABC withdrew from the bid-

ding last week, with network officials saying they were unhappy with the new BCS structure. which added a fifth game.

Ron Turner fired by Illinois

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Ron Turner was fired by Illinois on Monday after three straight losing seasons, a sharp turnaround from early success that included the team's first Big Ten football title in a decade

Illinois went 3-8 this season and has just one conference victory the past two years. Half of the Illini's four wins overall the past two seasons were against Divi-

sion I-AA opponents. Turner had two seasons left on his contract.

Turner went 35-57 record with two bowl trips in eight seasons at Illinois, But since a Sugar Bowl appearance in January 2002, Illinois is just 9-25, and attendance has been falling

Outsiders clouding bowl picture

BY WENDELL BARNHOUSE

Knight Ridder Newspape

Rarely has the Bowl Championship Series provided this kind of intrigue. Invective, yes. But not in-

The outcome of Friday's Texas-Texas A&M game could be nationally significant outside the Lone Star State. The Rose Bowl is sweating enough to irrigate a . . . rose garden. And the possibility of two — yes, "two" — non-BCS teams qualifying for BCS bowls is increasing. Intriguing, right?

Week Six of the BCS standings had Utah as a solid No. 6, Boise State at No. 7 and Louisville at No. 10. There have never been three non-BCS teams in the top 10 in any previous week of the BCS standings.

The 11-0 Utes appear to be a lock to earn an at-large bid to a BCS game because the rules say any non-BCS team ranked sixth or higher gets an invitation. The rules also say if two non-BCS teams are ranked sixth or higher, both get the two BCS at-large hids

"We've got three teams that are very close to breaking through," Big 12 Conference commissioner and BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg said Monday. "We don't see that as a bad-news story. I think it's confirmation that the system hasn't been limiting in any way." For Boise State or Louisville to move into the ton

six, both would need teams above them to lose. No. 4 Cal plays at Southern Miss on Dec. 4, No. 5 Texas plays at Texas A&M on Friday, No. 8 Georgia plays Georgia Tech on Saturday and No. 9 Miami (Fla.) plays Virginia Tech on Dec. 4.

It would take a perfect storm for all four of those BCS-ranked teams to lose, but it's possible.

If both Utah and Boise State finish in the top six to earn BCS at-large bids, the Rose Bowl would be unable to invite California and stage the traditional game between Pac-10 and Big Ten teams (Michigan will represent the Big Ten in Pasadena).

There were reports over the weekend that the



Boise State could create more problems for the BCS by joining Utah as non-BCS teams in the bowl lineup.

Rose Bowl was planning to invite Cal no matter where the Bears end up ranked. Non-champions from BCS leagues that finish No. 3 or No. 4 in the final BCS standings are guaranteed an at-large bid (assuming there aren't two at-large bids going to non-BCS teams finishing in the top six).

Texas appears unable to catch Cal in the BCS standings. But if that happens or if Cal loses to South-ern Miss and stays in the BCS top 12 (and, hence, eligible to be selected as an at-large team), would the Rose ignore the rules and select Cal over a Texas team ranked No. 42

"I've heard those reports, but I think the Rose Bowl understands the selection rules, and they would adhere to them," Weiberg said. Until the scores become final on Dec. 4, the in-

trigue will continue.

Wake Forest worthy of new No. 1 ranking

Demon Deacons in control all the way vs. Yale

The Associated Pre

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Wake Forest's first game at No. 1 seemed just like the ones they played this season when ranked one snot lower.

Chris Paul, Eric Williams and Kyle Visser each scored 15 points to lead the Demon Deacons past Yale 99-72 in their debut at the top of the poll on Monday night.

"The games still feel the same,"
Paul said. "You have to play the
same teams. I can understand if it
was the end of the season, but
we're only three games into the
season so it really doesn't mean
much."

Chris Ellis added 14 points for the Demon Deacons (3-0), who had five players in double figures. They had little trouble on offense in the first half and maintained a comfortable lead against the Bulldogs (1-2) throughout.

the Bulldogs (1-2) throughout.

Earlier Monday, Wake Forest climbed into the top spot of The Associated Press Top 25 for the first time in school history. The Demon Deacons jumped past Kansas from No. 2 after the Jay-hawks trailed much of the way in their season-opening 68-61 win against Vermont.

Wake Forest had been ranked No. 2 for 12 weeks — 10 during



Tim Duncan's senior season of 1996-97. The total was the third highest for a school that hadn't reached No. 1.

Paul, the preseason All-America point guard, said the game against Yale was "business as

Wake Forest's first game at No. 1 was marked by a solid opening half that produced a 17-point lead at the break. Nine players scored in the first 14 minutes, with the Demon Deacons scoring 58 points and shooting 48 percent.

No. 3 Georgia Tech 60, Illinois-Chicago 59: Luke Schenscher made a pair of free throws with 25.9 seconds left, B.J. Elder hit three three-pointers in the final nine minutes and the Yellow Jackets survived a scare in Chica-

The Flames (0-1) had a chance to win, but freshman Kevin Bond missed a free throw with six seconds left and Justin Bowen's last-second jumper sailed wide of the basket. Still, it was a spirited the basket. Still, it was a spirited beaten a ranked team since Dec. 12, 1989, when they upset No. 25 McLivian, St. 1989. Elder led the Yellow Jackets (2-0) with 17 points, and Jarret Jack and Isma'il Muhammad added 10 each. Cedrick Banks led all players with 23 points, including five three-pointers.

No. 9 Duke 74, Davidson 61: At Charlotte, N.C., Daniel Ewing scored 16 of his 19 points in the second half and sparked two big runs for the Blue Devils.

Duke (2-0) beat Davidson for the 18th consecutive time, but nearly blew a 20-point lead in the second half and struggled to put the Wildcats (1-1) away.

Brendan Winters scored 24 points for Davidson, which trimmed Duke's lead to four with 5:39 to play. Logan Kosmalski

had 25 points and 13 rebounds.

J.J. Redick added 18 points for
Duke, and Shelden Williams and
Sean Dockery had 15 each.

No. 11 North Carolina 86, Brigham Young 50: After missing the season-opening loss to Santa Clara because of an NCAA suspension, junior guard Raymond Felton returned to anchor North Carolina's defense in an easy victory over Brigham Young (0-1) in the opening round of the Maui Invitational.

With Felton back at the point, North Carolina (1-1) opened the



Wake Forest's Taron Downey, left, steals the ball from Yale's Eric Flate during the first half in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Monday.

game against BYU (0-1) with a 25-3 run and led by as many as 39. Sean May had 18 points and eight rebounds.

lowa 76, No. 12 Louisville 71:
At Lahaina, Hawaii, Jeff Horner
scored 11 points in a 4½-minute
span of the second half, part of a
nine-minute stretch when Iowa
(2-0) held Louisville (1-1) without
a field goal in the opening round

a field goal in the opening round of the Maui Invitational. Horner finished with 18 points No. 15 Texas 84, Chaminade 62: At Lahaina, Hawaii, Texas withstood foul trouble and the three-point shooting of Chris Reaves

P.J. Tucker had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Longhorns (2-0). Reaves, a junior college transfer, made his first six three-point attempts, finished 8-for-10 from long range and scored 33 points for the Division II Silverswords (1-1).

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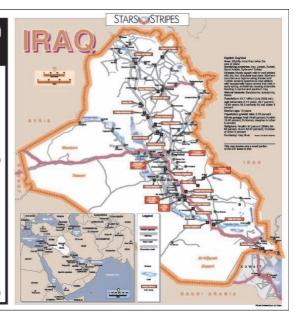
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Navy headed to bowl for second straight year,

Rumble leaves rubble

Pacers were contenders, now playoffs are in doubt

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - After receiving some of the harshest penalties in NBA history for one of the worst brawls in U.S. sports history, the Indiana Pacers' deep and talented roster has been reduced from a title contender to rubble.

The Pacers lost more than 62 percent of their scoring when Ron Artest was suspended for the season, Stephen Jackson for 30 games and Jermaine O'Neal for 25 for fighting with Detroit Pistons fans on Friday night.

Combined with myriad injuries to key players, that leaves the likes of Fred Jones and Austin Croshere to carry the load until the team gets healthy and O'Neal and Jack-

The Pacers' leadership expressed unequivocal support for all three suspended players on Monday and said the losses haven't changed their goals for a season

that began with championship aspirations. "We don't care who puts on a uniform," coach Rick Carlisle said. "There's a standard here. When you put on an Indiana Pacers uniform, you're expected to per-form at a certain way at a certain level. That's what we expect from all these guys who haven't necessarily been star play-

ers. Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh called the melee a low point for pro sports and the

"We apologize for our part in it," Walsh Artest bolted into the stands after being hit by a cup thrown by a fan, touching off a es with fans, who also doused Pacers with drinks, popcorn, a chair and other debris.

Jackson joined Artest in the stands, swinging wildly, while O'Neal remained on the floor and punched a fan who came onto

O'Neal and Artest have also apologized for their roles in the brawl, but Anthony Johnson said his five-game suspension was "excessive."

"I never went into the stands; I never left the court area," Johnson said. "People cer-tainly can see what the conditions on the floor were like. The chaos speaks for itself."

Now the Pacers are trying to move forward and salvage a season that began with so much nomise

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Pacers guard Fred Jones had 31 points in Saturday's loss. With 62 percent of the team's scoring lost to suspensions, Jones is among the players Indiana will have to count on to reach the playoffs.

Patriots keep piling up victories



Chiefs tight end Tony Gonzalez (88) is tackled by Patriots defenders Ted Johnson (52) and Eugene Wilson (26) during the first half on Monday night. New England was unspectacular but beat Kansas City 27-19 for its 24th win in 25 games. See Page 30 for detail



Wake looks like the No. 1 team in handling Yale



Spurrier hired to take over at South Carolina

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